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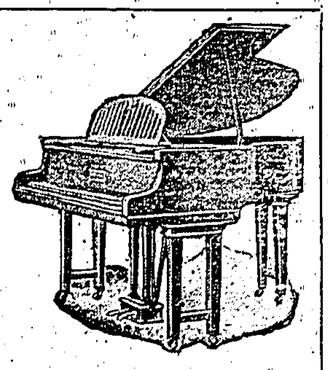
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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

SITUATION IN GERMANY.

LONDON, Feb. 23.

Paris learns from Berlin that a general strike was proclaimed at Bochum. The Spartacists bombarded the mining establishments near Duisburg. Government troops were marching from Muenster to Bortmund.

Copenhagen learns from Budapest via Berlin that the Hungarian Spartacist leader Belakun has been lynched.

Owing to sanguinary disturbances, the Government troops occupied Hanan in Hesse-Nassau, and disarmed and arrested members of the Red Soldiers' League. The situation in the Ruhr Basin is still unsettled, despite the announcement calling off the strike. An official Berlin telegram, while announcing that the Ruhr Soviets have accepted the Government's armistice terms, including cessation of the strike and the surrender of arms, stated it was doubtful whether the Spartacists, especially at Dusseldorf, would carry out the terms, but the Government troops are to ready march with a view to establishing order.

The Weimar National Assembly has voted its confidence in the Government, and passed resolutions demanding a just peace and union with German Austria.

The Berlin "Tagblatt" confirms the news that the Spartacists are in power in Bavaria. The government forces have provisionally submitted to them. A Zurich telegram stated that the Soviet government of Bavaria has been proclaimed, and that it is actively hunting down all counter-revolutionaries. A telegram from Munich via Berlin denies the report of civil war there, and says the workers proclaimed a general strike for three days, but that there were no disturbances.

LONDON, Feb. 24.

Copenhagen learns from Karlsruhe that a state of siege has been proclaimed throughout Baden owing to grave disturbances at Mannheim. A message from Munich says a Socialist ministry is being formed, whereto three representatives of the workers, soldiers, and peasants will be attached in an advisory capacity. It is declared the Diet will be summoned as soon as possible. The present military forces will be disbanded and superseded by republican defence militia composed of members of trade unions and the peasants' league.

London, Feb. 23.

Copenhagen learns from Berlin that the revised draft of the constitution of the empire, which was to come before the national assembly on Feb. 24 aims at uniformity with regard to military matters, communications, customs, and taxes. It provides that the states renounce their right to conclude international treaties. Federal interests are to be represented by an imperial council with the right of veto, instead of a Federal house. If the imperial council and assembly disagree the president can order a referendum or promulgate a Law provided he has a two-thirds majority of the Assembly. Small states have no vote and may be regrouped even against their will.

LONDON, Feb. 24.

The Karlsruhe proclamation of martial law says the disturbances at Mannheim were instigated by the Spartacists as a protest against the death of Herr Eisner.

The Government is determined to prevent outbreaks at Baden similar to those of Ruhr, Munich, and Berlin.

The Frankfort "Zeitung" has a representative at Weimar who interviewed Minister Noske. He said the resistance of the Spartacist troops in the Ruhr region would shortly be broken. Intervention would also be necessary in the Duchy of Saxe Coburg and Gotha which had declared war on the empire. It was not intended to send troops to Bavaria.

The Munich Minister Herr Afer was still alive on Saturday, but his condition was critical.

It is stated that although the garrison at Munich is on the side of the Spartacists, elsewhere in Bavaria the troops are remaining loyal to the government.

The new Soviet Government has appointed Herr Simon as President.

Cologne reports that the Essen miners have passed a resolution in favour of a general strike. This was done at an uproarious meeting, at which revolvers were drawn. The moderate elements were expelled.

The "Temps," referring to the Weimar Assembly's anxiety to annex German Austria, having twice in the past fortnight unanimously resolved upon it, suggests that Austria should be made perpetually a neutral state.

AND CZECHS.

LONDON, Feb. 24.

Warsaw reports that an inter-allied sub-commission is proceeding to Prague for the purpose of composing the differences between the Poles and the Czechs.

AMIR MURDERED.

London, Feb. 24.

The Press Bureau says advices have been received from Kabul to the effect that the Ameer of Afghanistan was attacked and shot dead in Laghman Camp early in the morning of Feb. 20. The motives for the murder are at present obscure. No arrests have been made yet.

NEW FRENCH AIR ENGINE.

LONDON, Feb. 24.

Paris reports that Doctor Rateau has invented a new aeroplane engine, based on the principle of the turbine. It is designed to produce 30,000 revolutions a minute, enabling far greater altitudes to be attained. It is expected that flights from Paris to Algiers can be done in five hours, to Constantinople in eight, and to Cairo in eleven hours.

M. CLEMENCEAU.

LONDON, Feb. 24.

It is anticipated that M. Clemenceau will be able to preside at the peace conference meeting on Feb. 27.

CAPITAL ISSUES.

London, Feb. 24.

The Press Bureau issues a statement from the Treasury which states that it will be impossible to dispense altogether with control of capital issues, but it is necessary to reconsider the principles governing sanction, to avoid placing unnecessary obstacles in the way of providing capital for the speedy restoration of commerce and industry. In view, however, of the numbers of fresh issues expected, a new defence of the realm regulation has been made prohibiting all issues except under the Treasury's licence. The capital issues committee has been reconstituted with new terms of reference.

PARIS CONFERENCE.

LONDON, Feb. 24.

The Reparation Commission has decided to hasten the work of the sub-committees entrusted with the valuation of damage and the means of payment. Mr. Hughes was chosen president of the third sub-committee appointed to study measures for control and guarantees.

LONDON, Feb. 24.

A meeting of representatives of the great Powers, at which Marshal Foch was present, referred the Albanian claims to the Greek Affairs Committee. It also considered information and proposals from the Inter-Allied Commission to Warsaw.

M. PICHON INTERVIEWED.

LONDON, Feb. 24.

M. Pichon, interviewed by Reuter, stated that M. Clemenceau's condition on Feb. 23, was most satisfactory. He confidently hoped soon to resume work in Cabinet and Conference. M. Pichon opened that the preliminary peace treaty might be ready for signature about the middle of May. This did not signify the final peace settlement but merely the preliminaries upon which the associated governments wished to conclude peace. The Conference had not yet considered the question of the fate of the German fleet. The Reparation Commission was now on the point of reaching agreement as regards what constituted reparation. The question of making German Austria and Hungary pay indemnities was not yet considered. There was reason to believe that the Spartacist movement had taken strong hold in Bavaria. Munich was in a state of civil war. The peace conference was about to reach agreement as regards its Russian policy when M. Clemenceau was incapacitated. He opined there would not much difficulty about that as soon as the Premier returned.

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VIEWS AND NEWS OF "HAVAS."

London, Feb. 24.

Probably the question of Germany's western frontiers will come before the Council of Ten this week.

No doubt exists that neither Germany nor any other Power could ever possibly afford to pay compensation for damages plus the whole cost of the war. The practical view gaining ground among the delegates is that Germany, being in the position of a bankrupt in view of her huge liabilities to the Allies, should be made to pay as much as the Allied experts estimate can possibly be extracted from her. M. Pichon stated yesterday that the lines of discussion were: first, to ascertain the total amount that Germany could pay; secondly, to decide how much the Allies should ask; finally, the proportion in which the recoverable sum should be distributed among the different Allies.

M. Pichon discussed the extent to which the provinces which formed part of the old Austro-Hungarian empire, and now belonging to new states under the ægis of the Allies, will be held responsible for their share of the payments due from the enemy. The Czecho-Slovaks accept their share of responsibility.

The French torpedo boat "Oriflamme" captured two German steamers navigating the Baltic without authorization. They are now on the way to Dunkirk.

Hopes are expressed that M. Clemenceau will be able to resume work in a few days.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

VARYING VIEWS.

LONDON, Feb. 23.

Lord Robert Cecil, interviewed by Reuter, declared it was now certain that the League of Nations would be established as soon as the peace preliminaries were signed. The machinery proposed by the convenant was extremely simple, and could be brought into existence without any trouble. Generally speaking, its decisions could only be binding if reached unanimously; that was, of course, excluding parties directly concerned in the dispute. The decision would be enforced by the whole economic and military power of each of the nations in the League. Economic sanctions would be enforced automatically against any nation attempting sudden aggression.

AMERICAN OPPOSITION.

In the Senate, Mr. Reed, Democrat, declared that the League of Nations meant that America would be controlled by "European monarchs and Asiatic despots." He insisted that the covenant of the League was in conflict with the American Constitution. He characterised the provision for American military participation as monstrous.

DON'T SINK HUN FLEET.

FRANCE INSISTS ON HER SHARE.

London, Feb. 23.

"Le Journal" of Paris strongly protests against the reported proposal to sink the surrendered German fleet, in view of the scarcity of metals and machinery especially in France. It says the French Minister of Marine is absolutely opposed thereto, and that France will insist on receiving a considerable part of the fleet.

M. CLEMENCEAU.

London, Feb. 23.

This morning's medical Bulletin says the improvement in M. Clemenceau's condition continues. His temperature was 98.4 and his pulse 68.

THREAT TO FINLAND.

London, Feb. 24.

Stockholm reports that Trotzky has issued a proclamation warning Finland that the Soviet Government will not remain inactive if the concentration of troops on the frontier continues.

PLOT AGAINST PRESIDENT WILSON.

London, Feb. 24.

New-York reports that 14 Spaniards were arrested on Sunday night in connection with a plot against President Wilson.

RUMANIAN CLAIMS.

LONDON, Feb. 23.

Paris reports that Rumania estimates her war damage, as chargeable to the Central Powers, at 1,140 millions sterling, and as chargeable to Russia at 160 millions sterling.

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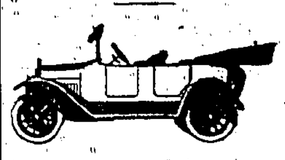
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AIR TRANSPORT CONTRACT.

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CHINA INTRODUCES PHONETIC SYSTEM.

For some years China's leading educational leaders have been trying to devise a phonetic system, which would enable the average uneducated man to read and write in a fashion.

It is believed that the introduction of the phonetic system would greatly assist in creating a uniform language, or enabling the mandarin language to be used in more places than it is now.

The alphabetical system known as Romanisation is not so suitable because it entails the learning of the foreign alphabet.

The Ministry of Education, on the recommendation of the National Educational Association, has issued a standard set of Chinese phonetics which promises to be very useful in bringing about the results desired.

The system has 30 characters or parts of characters, which represent certain sounds, and these are used as consonants and vowels for Chinese spelling.

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THE DISCONTENTED WOMAN.

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She wants to receive rather than to give, and doesn't realise that no one ever yet gained real happiness that way.

She makes mountains out of molehills of worries, and is always wishing for things she cannot get, instead of trying to make the best of what she has.

She has so many amusements all her life that she is now too blase to enjoy anything. She needs to do a little good, honest work to level up things.

She spends so much time regretting the mistakes of the past that she can't make the best of the present.

She has no friends; only a host of acquaintances.

She gives so little, and expects so much.

She does not realise that pleasure never yet cured boredom, but that good honest work often does.

She is never satisfied, and never would be, no matter how many blessings fell to her lot.

She expects too much of life, and waits for great happenings to make her happy, instead of gathering the little everyday flowers of contentment in simple pleasures.

She is too busy envying others to count her own blessings.

She has no sense of humour, and doesn't realise that a worry that can be smiled over is well on the way to be cured.

GREAT FIRE IN SYDNEY.

A fire broke out in George-street, Sydney, about Dec. 19, in the premises of the Crown studios. In a few minutes the position became serious, and the whole block of buildings facing George and Pitt streets were in imminent danger.

The Crown Studios building was totally destroyed, and the flames fastened on to Roberts's Hotel, Richardson's wine and spirits store, and four shops in George-street occupied by Mrs. O'Donnell (milliner), R. Blockwell (tailor), Wrigley's Spearmint Chewing Gum Co., and another milliner. The firemen succeeded in keeping the flames away from Farmer & Co.'s store and other buildings in the vicinity.

Before midnight the fire, which was first observed at 10 p.m., was well under control. It is believed that the damage done represents between £90,000 and £100,000, but reliable figures are not available. In addition to the destruction of the Crown Studio building, the two upper floors of Robert's Hotel and the rear of Richardson's wine and spirits were gutted.

AGES OF GOVERNORS.

The approaching retirement of the Governor, Sir Arthur Young, reminds one that His Excellency entered upon a fresh term of office at an age which placed him at the head of Governors of Crown Colonies and Protectorates as far as age goes. Sir Arthur Young will be 65 in October of this year, and in the last few years the cares of office have not rested lightly upon him. Sir H. C. Belfield, formerly of the F.M.S., and now High Commissioner of Zanzibar, comes next in "seniority." He is 63. Sir F. Lugard (Nigeria) and Sir E. B. Sweet-Escott (Pacific Islands) are 61, Sir E. Merewether (Leeward Islands) 60, Sir F. H. May (who has resigned the Governorship of Hongkong) is 58, Sir E. B. Haddon Smith (Windward Islands) 57, Sir W. H. Manning (Ceylon) 55, Sir Hugh Clifford (Gold Coast) 52, Mr. R. J. Wilkinson (formerly Colonial Secretary, S.S., and now Governor of Sierra Leone) 51.

In the Service in Malaya, there is a surprising number of gentlemen who have reached "retiring age," or are on the verge of it, and in the ordinary course of events there will be many changes in the personnel of the senior services of the Straits and States, chiefly the latter, in the near future.—"P.G."



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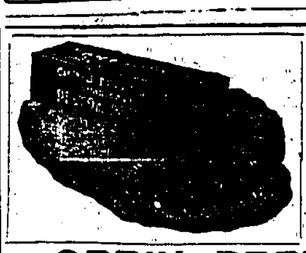
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THURSDAY,
February 27, 1919, at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vœux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,
One Badminton Set with Racquets, &c., &c., &c.
One Croquet set (full size)
several bicycles
Piano by Collard & Collard in good condition.
Terms:—Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, Feb. 22, 1919.

(For Account of the Concerned),
ON
THURSDAY,
February 27, 1919, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vœux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,
A QUANTITY OF
USEFUL HOUSEHOLD LINENS, DRAWN WORK, & EMBROIDERIES,
Comprising:—
HOUSEHOLD LINENS:—Single and Double Plain and Hemstitched Sheets, Pillow Cases, Double White Satin Quilts, Linen Damask Serviettes, Glass Cloths, Bath Towels, Face Towels, &c., &c.
DRAWNWORK:—Bedspreads, Pillow Cases, Tray Cloths &c. &c.
EMBROIDERIES:—Bedspreads, Table Covers, Tea Cloths, Runners 18 by 54 in.
A few lots of Attaché Cases and Bellow Valises.
(All new goods and small lots to suit purchasers).
Terms:—Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers
Hongkong, Feb. 19, 1919.

(For Account of the Concerned.)
ON
THURSDAY,
February 27, 1919, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vœux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,
TEAKWOOD AND BLACKWOOD FURNITURE, BRASS AND BRASS MOUNTED DOUBLE AND TWIN BEDSTEADS, CURTAINS, CARPETS, &c., &c.,
Comprising:—
Two Chesterfield Sofas and Arm-chairs (new), Folding Card and Occasional Tables, One Upholstered Suite, Bedroom Furniture, comprising Teakwood Twin Bedsteads, large and small Wardrobes, Dressing Tables, Washstands, &c., (fumed Teakwood), Sideboards, Dinner Waggons, Extension Dining Tables and Chairs, &c., Dinner Services, Crockery, and good Glass Ware, Cooking Stoves, Cutlery, &c. Bath Room Utensils, Electro-Plated Ware.
Electric Reading Lamps, Blackwood and Teakwood Screens, a quantity of Blackwood Furniture, including 1 large Blackwood Screen Bluebird white Panels, Side Tables, Chairs, Cabinets, Pictures, Tennis Poles and Net, Several Carpets new and second-hand.
Also
Treadle Sewing Machine (nearly new), by Willcox & Gibbs with all accessories, 1 Piano by Ernest Kaps, Dresden in very good condition and one Reliance Typewriter (new)
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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED), on
FRIDAY,
February 28, 1919, at 11 a.m., at No. 2 Humphreys Building, Kowloon.
THE SUNDRY
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
&c., &c., &c.
therein contained.
including:—
Large Chesterfield Sofa and Arm-chairs (English make), a few pieces of Blackwood Furniture, etc.
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&c., &c., &c.
Electric Fittings and Sunblinds.
On view day of sale.
TERMS:—Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, February 19, 1919.

G. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from H. M. VICTUALLING STORE OFFICER, to sell by Public Auction, on
THURSDAY,
March 6, 1919, at 10.30 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vœux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,
A QUANTITY OF
Electro-plated Ware and Linen Goods,
Comprising:—
Table Napkins, Glass Cloths, Pillow Cases, Face Towels, Huckaback Towels, Blankets,
&c., &c., &c.
Terms:—Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
By Appointment Auctioneers to the Admiralty.
Hongkong, Feb. 25, 1919.

G. R.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS to sell by Public Auction,
at the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Coy.'s Premises,
War Department Material,
As follows:—
250 Rails weight about 53 tons, SCRAP IRON comprising:—Angle, Round, Flat, Sheet Iron, &c. about 140 tons.
Date of Sale will be published later.
Terms:—Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers to the Government.
Hongkong, Feb. 21, 1919.

FOR SALE.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vœux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,—
One complete set Engines and Boiler in good working order,
DESCRIPTION:
Set of Compound Engines, 16 x 33, by 24 stroke,
Boiler, 12 x 10', working pressure 120 lbs. on Veritas survey.
To be sold in one lot, together with Engine Seat, Shafts and Propeller and all piping, &c., connected with the above mentioned Engines and Boiler.
Also
Anchors and Chains, Wooden Mast,
And
2 Navigating Compasses.
At present stored at Kwong Tung Cheong's shipyard.
Inspecting orders and further particulars may be had from the undersigned.
Terms:—Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
February 21, 1919.

G. R.

NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS with the exception of those of Chinese races desiring to leave the Colony should apply in person between the hours of 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. and 2 P.M. to 4 P.M. daily at the PASS OFFICE, Post Office Building.
Applicants will be required to produce Passports or Identification papers. All persons, with certain exceptions, who remain in the Colony for more than 7 days are required to Register themselves under the REGISTRATION of PERSONS ORDINANCE 1916. Forms of Registration giving the particulars required may be obtained at the G.P.O. and at all Police Stations.
The Penalty for non compliance is a fine not exceeding $50.

NOTICES.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICE of the Company, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 28th day of February, 1919, at NOON, when the subjoined resolution which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the EIGHTH day of February, 1919, will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution:—
"That the Articles of Association be "altered in manner following, "viz:—
"In Article 83 the word "five" "shall be substituted for the word "four".
The effect of this resolution will be to increase the maximum number of Directors from four to five.
Dated the Fourteenth day of February, 1919.
By Order of the Board,
J. H. TAGGART,
Secretary and Manager.
Hongkong, Feb. 14, 1919.

HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Hotel, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 28th February, 1919, at 12.15 P.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st. December 1918.
THE REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 21st February to FRIDAY, 28th February, 1919, (both days inclusive) during which period no TRANSFER of SHARES can be REGISTERED.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. H. TAGGART,
Manager.
Hongkong, Feb. 15, 1919.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on TUESDAY, March 4, 1919, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending December 31, 1918, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, February 27, 1919, UNTIL TUESDAY, March 4, 1919, both days inclusive.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, Feb. 21, 1919.

HONOKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE FINAL DIVIDEND DECLARED for the Year ending 31st December 1918, at the rate of Two Pounds five shillings Sterling together with a Bonus of One Pound ten shillings Sterling per share, is payable on and after MONDAY the 24th day of February Current, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.
By ORDER of the COURT of DIRECTORS,
N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, Feb. 22, 1919.

NATIONAL LOAN OF THE FOURTH YEAR OF THE REPUBLIC (1915).

SUBSCRIBERS to the above Loan are hereby notified that redemption of the bonds drawn at Peking on the 27th January last will begin on the 17th February, 1919.
Payment in cash or its equivalent will be made at the Bank of China and Bank of Communication or any of the branches of the above Banks and also at the Shanghai Office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.
Any Bond of which the following are the two terminal numbers, namely: 01, 04, 14, 18, 22, 24, 37, 48, 56, 66, 69, 72, 78, 81, 98, is a drawn Bond.
F. A. AGLEN
Inspector General of Customs.

NATIONAL LOAN OF THE FOURTH YEAR OF THE REPUBLIC (1915).

IN connection with the first drawing of the above Loan holders of drawn Bonds are requested to note that Coupon No. 8 maturing on the 12th April, 1919, will be available for payment to the extent of TWO-THIRDS of its value any time on or after the 17th February, 1919. The remaining third of the value will be held to represent the unexpired period from date of redemption to date of maturity and no claim for interest will be admitted in respect thereto.
F. A. AGLEN,
Inspector General of Customs.

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
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AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Steamer "ELPENOR" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after February 24.
Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.
No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after March 2, will be subject to rent.
All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before March 16, or they will not be recognised.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, Feb. 24, 1919

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From EUROPE and STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship,
"IYO MARU,"
having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.
Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before NOON, TO-DAY.
Goods not cleared by February 24, 1919, will be subject to rent.
Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on Tuesday and Friday. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Agents.
Hongkong, Feb. 24, 1919.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "COLUMBIA,"
FROM SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS AND SHANGHAI.

THE above-mentioned vessel having arrived from the above-mentioned ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Cargo will be landed at their risk into the Hazardous and/or extra Hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk.
Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading can be countersigned.
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on February 24, 1919, at 10 A.M.
All claims must be presented within a month of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized.
No Claim will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after February 26, 1919, will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.
Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.
PACIFIC MAIL S.S. Co
J. ORAM SHEPPARD,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, Feb. 20, 1919.

INTIMATIONS.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons interested in dogs, poultry, and pigeons, are invited to attend a meeting to be held in the Music Room of the City Hall on THURSDAY next 27th inst., at 6 P.M. to discuss the advisability of holding a combined show in the near future.
Hongkong, Feb. 25, 1919.

NOTICE.

BANK OF CHINA.
HONGKONG.
UNDER instructions from Head Office, Peking, a branch of the above Bank has this day been established in Hongkong at No. 20 and 21 Connaught Road and the following officers have been appointed and authorised to sign on behalf of the Bank.
Mr. Tsuyee Pei Manager.
Mr. D. R. McEnen.....Sub-Manager.
Mr. Li Hsi Yin....Assistant Manager.
Hongkong, Feb. 25, 1919.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1919.

SATURDAY (Off-Day),
March 1.

TICKETS of ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY and WALSH, LIMITED, or at the Gate. Price $10 for the Meeting (excluding the Off-Day, $3).
No one admitted without a Ticket, to be shown to the Ticket-Inspector at the Gate.
T. F. HOUGH.
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, Feb. 20, 1919.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

PASSES for Servants will be issued on application to the Undersigned on SATURDAY, the 22nd February.
No Servants will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the Race Course during the Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS, which can be had on application to the Undersigned. These Tickets are only available for Servants while in attendance on their employers or when on duty at the various Stands.
Any Chinese found loitering about with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit them and the holders thereof will be removed from the Enclosure.
T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, Feb. 20, 1919.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

RACE WEEK.

DINNER DANCES
TO-NIGHT
(WEDNESDAY), 26TH February.

SPECIAL Table d'Hote Menus will be served in the MAIN DINING ROOM at $2.50 per head and in the GRILL ROOM at $3.50 per head.
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J. H. TAGGART,
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Hongkong, February 18, 1919.

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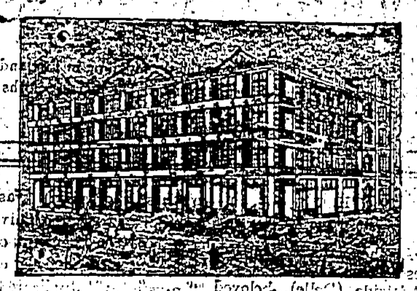
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DEATH.

CRISPIN.—At the French Hospital, on Tuesday Feb. 25, 1919 at 9.30 p.m. Adelaide (Delle), beloved wife of Charles Crispin, of Kowloon Docks, Aged 47. Funeral will pass the Monument at 8 a.m. To-morrow, Thursday.

BIRTHS.

HERMITAGE.—On February 20, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. G. Hermitage, a son.

BEATTY.—On February 14, at Taichow, Chekiang, to Dr. and Mrs. J. C. P. Beaty, a daughter.

SMITH.—On February 19, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Smith, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

HOGG—HALLAM.—On February 1, at Hoddesdon, Herts, Ella, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hallam, Shanghai, to Capt. Oliver G. Hogg, R.G.A.

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, Feb. 26, 1919.

SUN WORSHIPPERS.

The Egyptians give us very full records of sun worship. Ra, the triumphant sun-god, curiously enough is closely paralleled by Lu, the name of the sun as worshipped by ancient Hawaiians of the Sandwich islands, whose remains of stone or lava temples ought to be more carefully examined by ethnologists who understand the solar arrangements of the Druids of Stonehenge. Ptah was the rising sun or creative god of the early Egyptians, and Osiris, according to Dr. Chatley of Shanghai, the setting sun. There was, according to the same authority, Amen the hidden sun, and Horus the resurrected sun. This Hongkong winter would have set 'em off shouting Amen, according to that classification. Babylonians, Bactrians, Chinese, Central Americans, Parsees, Jews, all these and other peoples have in their time worshipped the sun. In fact there isn't a religion in the world that isn't coloured with it; and the sun (and its observed influence upon the earth's vegetation) was a central symbol of the once universal phallic worship. In the light of our knowledge of this ancient cultus, many "mysteries," duplicated or paralleled in many of the leading current faiths, obtain explanations that are so simple as to be shocking, in the same way that Naaman the leper was shocked when told to bathe in the river. He expected from such a great prophet a more wonderful prescription. In the dawn of the human understanding, nothing was more likely to attract men's worship, when in the right mood of awe and speculation, than the sun. In a sense it is our father and begetter, our creator and preserver. It awakens life and puts all the colour into it. It is the great anchor of our solar system, holding the fleet of stars and planets in their places. To it all look and tend. Source of light and heat and energy, it is also (to come down to ordinary occasions) the source of cheerfulness and health. What a pull the Hongkong Race Club committee seem to have upon it! All this extraordinary winter, so far, the sun has only about twice smiled shyly upon us, and then withdrawn himself. Gloom attended our goings out and comings in, and tempers were far below par. Right up to the time of the race meeting the local sun-worshippers went mournfully, and cheer was not in us. Then on Monday morning, as if these gallopers of ponies and watchers thereof deserved such luck (or as if the Club authorities had some private influence on the Clerk of the Weather) out he comes and irradiates the Colony. Like everybody else he had to turn in for the night, and did so more promptly than some of the race-goers, but he was on the job again next day, making up fully for lost time.

THE "NORE" AND "NOVARA."

It is curiously symptomatic of the hopelessness of Hongkong people—hopeless of getting anything done—that we have not heard yet from the Hongkong passengers whose plans for departure were upset. Perhaps we had no sickly women and children whose trip Home was urgent? We trust not.

There is something to be said, after all, on the official side, by way of apology for the abrupt seizure of these two P. & O. ships. It is not generally understood down here how bitter and strong has been the Shanghai agitation to get rid of the Germans, not only the men, but the women and the children. Fanned by the newspapers, which appear to be conducted by passionate little boys from the infant schools, the cry grew so great and pressing—as if there were some acute danger—that the authorities "probably "acted in order to stop the clamour, arguing that as it would have to be done some time, it might as well be done now.

An indication of the feeling worked up may be found in this, that when Shanghai found that the first lot to be deported would be those from the outports, and that it would have to put up with the presence of its own bunch of Huns a little longer, one of its leading newspapers had the headline "Shanghai's Hard Luck." This is silly and naughty. Down in Singapore, one of the papers actually had this remark: "The world would be none the poorer if the whole of the Germans whom it is proposed to repatriate on these ships were never heard of again."

One of the most sacred principles of civilized warfare is to be decent to non-combatants. The Germans broke it horridly, and their horrid example seems to be infecting some of our own people. The argument that not all the Germans in China were non-combatants will doubtless be raised, and with truth. Well, those who did the dirty tricks should have been shot there and then. Most of these people now being deported were genuine non-combatants, and the feeling against them is inexcusably disgraceful. It isn't for their sakes that we deplore it, but because of the moral deterioration of our own people that such unreasoning vindictiveness involves.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth on demand 3s 1 3-16d.

To-night's tie for the Billiards Championship at the V.R.C. is between F. W. Black and K. Higashide.

A Shanghai paper says Mr. H. J. Brett has been appointed Secretary to H. M. Legation for Commercial Affairs in South China, and will shortly leave for Hongkong, where he will take up his residence.

Congratulating the Straits Governor on his action re the "Nore" and "Novara," the "Straits Times" says: When he telegraphs again the the Governor might mention a question we have just received:—"Shall I stand more chance of getting my wife and family home if I take out German naturalisation papers?"

Mr. Albert Brough, landlord of the Cremorne Hotel, Nottingham, has died of influenza, at the age of 48. Until nine years ago he was in the showman business with Messrs. Bostock and Wombwell. He was 7ft. 7½in. in height. For his funeral no hearse long enough could be found, and one had to be altered.

At the Race Course yesterday, a Chinese boy was arrested. It was said that he snatched a whistle and chain from a Chinese who was watching the races, under the impression that the chain was attached to a watch. He was brought up before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning and remanded in order to enable him to produce a witness to character.

It is calculated that there will be fully 1,300 students in residence at Cambridge this Lent Term, as against 500 last term. At Trinity, for example, the number will be 250, against 35. The other colleges will have proportionate increases, according to their sizes. The prospects for the May Term are still better. There are still a number of cadets in some of the colleges.

The "Daily Chronicle" understands that it has been decided to issue two war medals to officers and men who have served in the war. One medal will be granted for service in the Home Forces and the other for service overseas. It is understood that the latter will be an international medal common to all the armies of the Allies, and that in the case of both medals a bar will be given for each year of service.

Mrs. Crispin, wife of Mr. C. Crispin of the Hongkong & Whampoa Dockyard Company, died last night. Mrs. Crispin, who has been a resident here for a number of years, has been ill for some time. About a fortnight ago she was admitted to Hospital, took a turn for the worse three days ago, and passed peacefully away at 9.30 p.m. The funeral passes the Monument at 8 to-morrow morning.

The gross proceeds of the opening night of "Pinkie and the Fairies" is to be allocated to the Hongkong War Memorial Fund. For daintiness and beauty no fairy play of a similar nature can compare with "Pinkie." It is a musical play for grown-ups and children, especially appealing to all. The Hongkong production has been brought entirely up-to-date by the introduction of several numbers out of "The Happy Family," an Xmas play with music by Cuthbert Clark. The Public are reminded that the booking opens at Moutrie's on Friday, the 28th inst., at 9 a.m. There being no advance booking by vouchers, the general public will all share the same opportunity of obtaining good seats.

THE NORE AND NOVARA.

THE SINGAPORE PROTEST.

"China Mail" readers were informed promptly, by a special telegram from our Singapore correspondent, of the protests that were made at the Southern port against the interruption of the P. & O. passenger service caused by the Admiralty taking over the "Nore" and "Novara" for the conveyance of the Germans from China. These were not merely irritable protests by disappointed passengers. They were serious representations by the organized body of medical opinion in the Straits, confirmed and supported by the Government, that actual danger to health and even life in many cases was caused by this arbitrary and unheralded seizure of passenger accommodation.

Since our special telegram was sent off, the Straits Legislative Council held a meeting, on February 17, at which the following questions were asked by the Hon. Mr. Darbishire:—

Is it a fact that two P and O Steam Navigation Company's steamers have just been withdrawn from the Straits passenger berth by order of the Home Government in order to provide accommodation for Germans from Shanghai to Europe and if so,

Will the Government despatch an urgent cable to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on behalf of the unofficial members of this Council demanding that this cruel and thoughtless order be at once countermanded.

The Hon'ble Mr. W. G. Maxwell read the following replies:

Government has received no official information on the subject. It has, however on the 15th instant received from the Singapore Agency of the Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Company an intimation that they have received from Hongkong the following telegram dated the 14th instant:—

Admiralty have instructed Commodore Nore Novara each required convey 600 repatriated German women children both ships must be available Shanghai 1st March all passenger accommodation required and berths to be fitted at Shanghai for balance in tween decks stop have telegraphed Directors urgent via Bombay asking for confirmation stop will telegraph further particulars as soon as possible stop anticipate cargo space will be reduced accordingly.

Upon the receipt of this information, His Excellency at once sent a very urgent telegram to the Secretary of State as follows:—

"Very urgent. Am informed that Admiralty have requisitioned "Nore" and "Novara" to repatriate Germans and all accommodation for British women and children cancelled. If this correct it will cause intense public indignation, Straits booking by these ships mostly women and children with medical certificates, See my telegram of 12th February."

I may say that the first telegram that His Excellency sent to the Secretary of State on the subject of passenger accommodation for women and children was dated the 14th December, and that it was sent at the request of the medical practitioners of Malaya.

His Excellency is prepared to send another telegram on behalf of this Council, if it is the wish of honourable members that this should be done. (Applause).

His Excellency said if the unofficials wished him to send a further message he would be glad to do so.

The Hon'ble Mr. Darbishire said the opinion on that side of the House was that they would be glad if another message were sent.

The doctors at Singapore met under the chairmanship of Dr. D. J. Galloway and passed a resolution protesting against this action of the Home Government, and cabled it Home.

The Straits Settlements Association and several other bodies, and private firms took similar action.

It is an illustration of the inconsiderate way in which some Service men go bull-headed at the job they see, without looking round to see if anything is in the way. "The public be damned" seems to be their motto sometimes.

NO DATE SET FOR DEPARTURE OF GERMANS

The "Shanghai Gazette" of Feb. 17 says:—The Nore and Novare, the two P. and O. liners which have been commandeered by the British Government to convey enemy subjects from China, are now lying at anchor in the stream off Hongkew. While the local offices of the company have cancelled all passages on these vessels, they are still taking orders for cargo for London and way ports. It is believed that these vessels, which will take the first batch of Germans and Austrians from China, will leave here some time around the first of March. The Nore is of 6,700 gross tons and the Novare of 6,850 gross tons. The P. and O. office here had received no further instructions up to this afternoon regarding the two vessels.

So far 1,200 enemy subjects are being sent to Shanghai for repatriation. The provinces and towns that have already reported are as follows: Chihli, about 700; Chekiang, 80; Hupeh, over 200; Kiangsi, 184; Anhui, 4; Mokanshan, 17; Hangchow, 40; Kalgan, 2; and Heilungkiang, 38.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

HONGKONG AUXILIARY.

The report of this Society for 1918 is as follows:—

1. The Committee of this Auxiliary has pleasure in submitting a further Annual Report.

2. There has been a steady endeavour, during the twelve months' period, to keep the claims of the Bible Society before the subscribing public, by means of the Depot in Wyndham Street; this centre of distribution having been maintained with pleasing efficiency, giving promise of further development.

The issues of Scriptures, in various languages, by sales from the Depot in 1918, amounting to 6,482 copies, are deemed encouraging. In addition sales were effected from Kowloon, through the Revd. H. E. Anderson, Sub-Agent of the Society, who thus disposed of 8,267 copies, whilst by means of colportage, under the immediate control of the Sub-Agent or supervision of missionaries, there was a further distribution by sales of 112,653 copies, an advance of 30,000, approximately, on the figures of this Hongkong Auxiliary for the year 1917.

3. From the Treasurer's statement it will be seen that the aid to the Society derived from collections in Churches is less by $144.21 than the amount accruing therefrom in 1917.

In calling attention to the circumstance, with due sympathetic consideration for the many added calls and claims to which response has been made, the Committee would earnestly urge that in the Bible Society are represented sources of inspiration for the faith, hope and love that are at once the mark of Church life and the warrant of its growing strength. They are confident that this fact, at once so patent and so potent, is realised alike by Chinese and by non-Chinese Churches in the Colony.

4. Funds obtained through the Ladies' Committee reached a slightly higher total than the amount recorded in the previous year. In this connection the Committee observes, with much appreciation, the work done for the Society by St. Andrew's Church. Worthy tradition, in this regard, is worthily maintained and honour is done to the memory of the late vicar, whose devotion to this branch of service was a distinguishing feature of his ministry in the Colony.

5. As respects the total income raised in Hongkong by this Auxiliary, during the twelve months' period, a slight falling off, sufficiently accounted for by conditions, not for a moment to be overlooked, will not abate the zeal of the Society's local friends whose privilege it is to advocate claims and to uphold activities that are, in deepest meanings, essential.

6. The Annual Public Meeting of the Auxiliary, was held, on March 5th, in the Helena May Institute, kindly lent for the occasion; when the Bishop of Victoria presided.

Dr. H. Gordon-Thompson, M. D., F. R. C. S. of Yunnan Fu, and the Revd. A. L. Warnshuis, M. A. of Amoy, were the principal speakers. The former delivered an address, arresting and appealing, concerning a remote field of service, lying in part among aboriginal tribes, whose territory has been exploited for the accomplishment of the Society's aims in enlightenment and regeneration. The latter, from his wide experience in wide evangelistic movements, bore testimony of special value on the general subject of the Bible in China.

7. Hongkong, as the headquarters, of a B. F. B. S. Sub-agency, is in a favourable position to collect and supply particulars of Scripture distribution, of a character to quicken in many minds, appreciation of the efforts that are being made by those who share the toils and perils of this work. It is a matter for regret that limits of space preclude quotation at length from Mr. Anderson's Reports. These describe in vivid terms the distressful state of the neighbouring province, in its bearing on colportage endeavours. It is sufficiently suggestive to read that "in districts affected by the earthquake which took place in the Spring of the year in the Northern part of Kwongtung, the people were found particularly responsive." It is pleasing to learn, from Mr. Anderson, that missionaries, when free to do so, render marked personal service in the sphere of colportage.

8. The following extracts from B. F. B. S. statements, recently published, set forth the magnitude of its operations in the new China, as a factor of moment in reconstruction: "In China the astonishing demand for the Scriptures continues to surpass all precedent. During the month of May, when the largest distribution took place, 462,000 were sent out from the Society's headquarters at Shanghai. They were despatched in 273 cases, by railway, steamer or river boat, whilst no fewer than 258 parcels were sent off, during the month by post." It is one of the triumphs of the Society that its organization and methods have enabled it to meet, so fully the demands of the new time in so wide a field.

9. It further appears, from the same publication that 1,500 native Christian colporteurs were employed by the Society in countries outside England. A number of these are being maintained by special gifts from individual friends. In China, in Korea, in Japan, in India, in Ceylon, in Palestine, in Malayia, in the Sudan, and in Persia there are now, in all 227 colporteurs and 65 Biblewomen thus supported, representing 225 contributing friends of the Society.

10. Concerning operations at the seat of war, it is recorded:—"Last year we gave away 24,360 books, most of them Gospels and Psalters, to soldiers in hospitals or at the front; and to prisoners of war. We also distributed 33,015 Testaments or Gospels which were paid for by special gifts, £194 being sent through the Bible House and 2,000 roubles from a friend in Russia."

11. This Auxiliary of the Society cannot fail to find reasons for grateful satisfaction in the opportunities and occasions that offer, locally, for the support of Bible work and, in this spirit, it would commend the endeavours now under report to the notice of all who may be led to view them with sympathy, inspired by conviction that many "former things" having "passed away" the coming in of the new heaven and new earth "wherein righteousness dwelleth" must needs be, always, in close relation with the dissemination and realisation of vital principles vouchsafed to mankind in the Scriptures of truth.

Hongkong, 23th January, 1919.

PERMATA RUBBER ESTATE, LD.

The eighth annual general meeting of shareholders in this company was held at Shanghai, on Feb. 20. There were present: Messrs. J. Frost (Chairman), T. H. Harris and J. H. Osborne, directors; Mr. E. A. Slee, secretary; and other shareholders representing a total of 3,502 shares.

The secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, and the auditors' report, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen, The Report and Accounts having been in your hands for some days, I will, with your permission, take them as read. In the Report your Directors have endeavoured to give you as much information relative to the working of the Estate as it is possible to do. The year under review has been a very disastrous one for all rubber companies, and now that the war is over we hope and trust that our industry will come into its own again. There is very little improvement up to date, but as soon as peace is established in the world the outlook should be much brighter. Those of you who have read the report closely will notice with regret that the average price of the rubber sold during the past year was about half that of the previous year. I need hardly go into the reasons for this slump in prices, as they are well known to you.

No thinning out of trees has taken place during the year, but this will have to be done as the old block of 148½ acres is still too thickly planted. Our idea is gradually to work down to about 90 trees to the acre, which is now considered by experts to be the best number from every point of view.

It is gratifying to see that our output is 14,474 lb. over last year, being an increase of over 27 per cent. The estimated output for the present year is 65,000 lb., but this we consider very conservative, as the crop for the first three moths of the year is 22,547 lb., but as wintering has now commenced we may expect a considerable decrease during the next few months. The all-in cost of our rubber shows a slight decrease from 1/6d. to 1/5d. per lb. This includes all expenses both on the Estate and in Shanghai, the slight reduction being due to the increased production. The year's working shows a loss of Tls. 3,613.23, which we have deducted from the last year's balance. This result has been brought about solely by the low price of rubber. The general conditions that prevailed during the past year were certainly not a contributory factor as regards economy, and on the whole, the result of the year's working, I consider, may be looked upon as satisfactory. The sudden fall in the rubber market was most unfortunate; there is, however, every reason to hope that the worst is now over, and that the coming year may see a rise in price and an all-round improvement of the rubber position generally.

Before closing, I should like to place on record our thanks for the invaluable services of the Company's agents, Messrs. Sime, Darby and Co., during a very trying year.

There were no questions, and the following resolutions were carried nem con.:—

That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended October 31, 1918, as printed and circulated, be adopted.—Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. J. H. Osborne.

That Mr. J. Frost be re-elected a Director of the Company.—Proposed by Mr. J. H. Osborne and seconded by Mr. T. H. Harris.

That Messrs. Lowe Bingham and Matthew be elected auditors to the Company for the ensuing year, at a fee of Tls. 300.—Proposed by Mr. J. E. Cameron and seconded by Mr. W. J. Monk.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Legislative Council meets to-morrow (Thursday). The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak is down to ask these questions:

(1) With reference to the following Resolution unanimously passed at a crowded Public Meeting in the Theatre Royal on the 7th November last:—

"That the Government be asked to appoint a Commission to enquire into the Housing Problem and transit questions in connection with the same."

and submitted to the Government in a covering letter from the Constitutional Reform Association on the 8th November to which the Government replied on the 15th November that

"the Resolution quoted therein will be laid before His Excellency the Governor on his return to the Colony."

in view of the resignation of His Excellency Sir Henry May, will the Government state what measures it now proposes to take to give prompt effect to the wishes of the Colony?

(2) With reference to the following telegrams despatched by Reuter's Agent to Reuter's head office in London on the 8th November:—

"Large Public Meeting resolved unanimously that Germans deported from the Colony to Australia should at the conclusion of the War not be permitted to return to Hongkong or China but be repatriated to Germany. The Meeting re-affirmed the unaltered conviction that no German subject be allowed to reside in the Colony or trade here for a period of years."

on the 9th January:—

"At a Public Meeting it was unanimously resolved to telegraph the Secretary of State for the Colonies asking for reform in the Constitution of the Legislative Council to secure the increase from 6 to 9 of unofficial members thus giving a majority of the unofficial."

Will the Government state whether these telegrams were suppressed or not by the Cable Censor, under instruction from the Government, and if so why?

(3) Will the Government state when the censorship of commercial, private and press telegrams is likely to cease?

(4) Will the Government take steps to urge the Admiralty to include Hongkong in the tour of the Grand Fleet which it has been announced will be sent to Australia, New Zealand, and India?

(5) Will the Government take steps to secure for Hongkong, as public War Souvenirs, some of the Guns captured from the Germans?

(6) What was the date of the last Census and when does the Government propose to take the next one?

The Orders of the Day are:

First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to restrict temporarily the persons who may engage in business connected with certain non-ferrous metals and metallic ores.

First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to prohibit the carrying on of banking business for the benefit of or under the control of certain persons.

First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Summary Offences Ordinances, 1845, to 1918.

First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to authorise the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited to convert its silver capital into gold.

OFF WITH THEIR HEADS.

"Even in Republican China they still keep up some of the old rough and ready ways of justice," if a Yanchow missionary is to be believed. He tells a story about how a party of soldiers informed one of the police officials that they were planning to loot and burn the various large jewellery shops and wealthy homes on New Year's Eve. If he would agree to co-operate with them he should share the booty; if not they would kill him. He told them that he would fall in with their scheme, and that they could come to him for firearms. As guns were already provided, but ammunition was lacking, the official promised that he would furnish ammunition to all who would put down their names on a list, headed by his own name, and would apply in person on the night of the raid. Four hundred names were listed.

In the meantime the official had told the Magistrate of the plot, and squads of city police on horseback were patrolling the streets all through the night. At the appointed hour, instead of four hundred, only sixty plotters put in their appearance at the yamen, stacking their arms as they went in one by one, for ammunition. They were immediately seized and beheaded, and their bodies buried in the yamen compound, in one trench.

It is said that the story has been kept quiet for fear of a general uprising among the soldiers, and that a great New Year's feast was given to all the soldiers to pacify their fears, quantities of cattle, sheep, and pigs having been slaughtered for the occasion.

ACTING SERVES THEDA BARA AS WORK AND PLAY.

"Photoplay acting is both my vocation and my avocation, if I may so express myself," says Theda Bara, Star of "The Serpent" and other William Fox successes. "I have no hobby and no fad, like some actresses. If it were a physical possibility for me to work for twenty-four hours a day before the camera, I should be glad to do so."

"I am never so happy as when acting in photoplay, and I never tire of my art, for it is of more vital importance to me than any other thing in life. Horse-back riding, motoring, golf, tennis or any of the other hundred and one means of diversion which so many actresses follow, are hindrances to one's work. It is true, to be sure, that a certain amount of relaxation is necessary for everyone; I relax by taking long walks in the open air."

"Do you think you will over-tire of your work before the camera?" Miss Bara was asked.

"Never!" said she. "I am miserable in those periods of enforced idleness between productions, and I haunt the William Fox studios even when not working on a picture."

"Then you mean that walking in the open air is your sole means of brushing the cobwebs from your brain?"

"I do," was the response.

"How about your home life? Do you consider yourself domestic?"

"I am a home body," replied Miss Bara, "yet I would hardly consider myself of the domestic type. I have never enjoyed cooking or sewing or any other domestic care. Each bores me. Every detail of my home life is superintended by my housekeeper, who came from Paris with me."

"Oh yes," said Miss Bara, ecstatically, "I have one weakness which I nearly forgot to confess. It is letter reading. I receive a daily average of two hundred letters from all over the country. These are opened by my own hand. While I find no time to pen answers, I enjoy learning the public's opinion of me."

"Do you think that photo play offers the same field of opportunity to-day that it did a time ago?" was a question put to Miss Bara.

"There is always opportunity for those who make it," answered she with a smile. "The average aspirant to photoplay is wholly unfitted for the work she desires to take up. If a girl has the requisite qualities and a capacity for hard work, I should be the last to dissuade her from appearing before the motion picture camera."

A CHINESE FAREWELL.

Mr. S. K. Ho (Interpreter C.I.) Chinese Labour Corps, B.E.F., France on December 20th writes to the editor of "The Times":—

The first ships carrying Chinese labourers employed under the British Army are leaving France for China this week. I, speaking on behalf of my fellow-countrymen, desire to address to the British nation a message of farewell. The period has been a memorable one; and the happy time we spent in Europe, and the kind hospitality offered to us by the British soldiers, will never be forgotten by us in the days to come.

Great Britain, unlike America, that makes her war effort open, has been carrying on this war in dark; and the important work done by Chinese behind the lines has thus been remained unknown to the British public. Our own country of China, owing to internal trouble, has never been able to participate this war, but our coming over to work under your colours gives an example of whatever help we people are ready to give in order to defeat the enemy. Showing his appreciation of our work, Colonel B. C. Fairfax, the head of the Chinese Labour, has recommended to the British Government to provide three years' scholarships for a fixed number of interpreters who are able to pass an examination: I trust that the British people would support and like to see it sanctioned by the Government, for not only such scholarships be advantageous to the individuals on whom they might be conferred, but the education of these men in England would help them to develop China in years to come, and we believe would also help towards a close relationships between the two countries.

HYPNOTISM IN COURT.

The Philippines Government is prosecuting a man called Blas Angeles for abducting a girl called Dominga Olivares. Presumably the man claimed that the girl went with him voluntarily, because the prosecution is now reported to have taken an unusual course to prove the girl's innocence. Alleging that the girl was hypnotized into following Angeles, the prosecution called Professor Salas of the University of the Philippines into Court, and asked him to hypnotize the girl there and then. According to the "Manila Cablenews" he did so without any difficulty, and then was witnessed the extraordinary scene of the girl moving about the Court Room, at his suggestions, for the edification of the Court.

BRITISH SEA POWER.

A more concrete example of the removal of naval censorship restrictions it would be hard to find than that afforded by a small paragraph which has just appeared in the papers, says a Home paper. It announces the arrival of the battle-cruiser Repulse at Portsmouth, and gives not only the name and class of the ship, but her ports of arrival and departure, with dates, entirely in pre-war fashion. The Repulse is one of those ships the names of which were whispered with a hush, if mentioned at all. The information given is a clear indication that it is no longer necessary to maintain that reticence about naval affairs which up to now authority demanded and feelings of loyalty and patriotism enforced.

We shall become accustomed soon to these revelations and already the names of many vessels have been mentioned which have made their appearance in the Fleet during the last four years, and by their numbers speak of the great increase in material strength which the Navy has received since August, 1914. It will still be found expedient to exercise a certain amount of caution in the matter, and it may be recalled that from the day when the Dreadnought was born, the Admiralty withheld many details of the design and equipment of vessels projected or building. There can be no mystery, however, about those in commission, and in regard to these it is possible to set forth some remarkable facts about the recent growth and development of British naval power.

In the descriptive account of the surrender of the German ships, the names of 21 additions to the British Battle Squadrons have been mentioned. These vessels have all joined the Grand Fleet since the Navy List for August, 1914, was published. Two of them are the Iron Duke class, the Emperor of India (ex-Delhi), which was completing at Barrow, and the Benbow, which was completing at Beardmore's. They belonged to the 1911-12 programme, as did also the Tiger, battle-cruiser, which was completing by Messrs. John Brown and Co. The five vessels of the Queen Elizabeth, class, the Barham, Valiant, Warspite, Malaya, and the name-ship, all of which were in the programme for 1912-13, are also among the additions in the same period. In the battleship programme for 1913-14 there were five vessels, which in armament and armour protection were to resemble the Queen Elizabeth class, but on a slightly smaller displacement. They are all in the Fleet—the Royal Sovereign, Royal Oak, Ramilles, Resolution, and Revenge.

Then there are the vessels the purchase of which was announced by Mr. Churchill in August, 1914. Two of these battleships were owned by Turkey, and were known as the Osman I. and Reshadieh. They were renamed the Agincourt and Erin. Two other battleships were building in this country for Chile, the Almirante Latorre and Almirante Cochrane; in November Mr. Churchill announced that the former had been acquired and renamed the Canada. The Cochrane was not so far advanced as her sister-ship, and the suggestion has been made that this is the vessel launched by Mrs. Page, the wife of the American Ambassador, last June, and named the Eagle. The official announcement, however, merely stated that the Eagle was "one of the largest ships in the British Navy." That we should be able to acquire these powerful ships and others in an emergency was a proof of the value of encouraging the construction in this country of warships for foreign Powers. By exercising their right of pre-emption, the Admiralty was able to add promptly several formidable and useful vessels to the British Fleet."

The five remaining vessels of the 21 are those familiarly known as the "Hush" ships, because of the secrecy maintained about their design and construction. It was not, indeed, until a year ago, when M. Rousseau, the naval writer of Le Temps, after a visit to the Grand Fleet, was permitted to give a description of these vessels, that anything authoritative was published about their characteristics. There are five of these immense vessels—the "Renown, Repulse, Courageous, Glorious, and Furious"—and they are reported to be nearly 800ft. in length, to displace 30,000 tons each, and to be capable of a speed of from 30 to 35 knots. M. Rousseau said: "They are very swift, much fleeter than the fleetest of pre-war cruisers." They are understood to have formed part of the great building programme which Lord Jellicoe last February said that Lord Fisher started in the autumn of 1914. Although so huge, they were to have been completed inside a year, while the combination of great speed with a heavy armament on a comparatively light draft would allow them to be used in the shallow waters of the North Sea and Baltic to catch and smash a retreating enemy. M. Rousseau stated that they were fitted with devices to neutralize explosions as far as possible, and to afford them apparently considerable immunity against torpedo attack. He instanced them as a proof of the confidence of the British Navy in the powerful surface vessel, capable of heavy hitting, "the only one which appears able to assure the mastery of the seas." It is not likely, until all the story of these ships is revealed, that a full appreciation will be obtained of the brilliancy of their conception, the marvel of their construction, and the extraordinary closeness of the shave by which they missed the complete fulfilment of their purpose. The Furious has been converted into an aeroplane carrier, and from the floating aerodrome provided by her spacious deck raids have been made upon the German coast.

The contrast presented with this output of British ships is the more marked when it is recalled that in the battle squadrons of the German High Seas Fleet not more than two or three vessels could be classed as products of war time. Neither in design, construction, or equipment do their ships compare favourably with ours, and, while we can point to many vessels which are actually the embodiment of battle experience, nothing can be found in their Navy of the same kind outside the pirate flotillas. As Captain Persius admitted in the "Berliner Tageblatt" of November 18th, "the longer range of the British guns would soon have sent our weak-armoured ships to the bottom." Nearly all the British vessels mentioned have had their baptism of fire, and have added lustre to the historic names they bear.

GOOD-BYE TO WAR STORIES.

They have had a laboriously long day, and now they have ceased to be—or presently will cease to be.

It is true that many of the popular magazines go to press a month or two in advance of publication, and no doubt, therefore, many an editor has on hand short stories breathing, or intending to breathe, the spirit of modern battle. But if with the signing of the armistice the soldiers ceased to fight, then one may assume that the wise authors will cease to pen red fiction.

It may quite well be that some years after this—when the tumult has become faint in our memory's ears, and the horror has become mercifully blurred, when through memory's eyes we glance at it now and then—stories of the great war will from time to time be welcomed and the really good among them be read, at least by a younger generation, with avidity.

But the average magazine reader—and we are all magazine readers nowadays—has dropped, or is going to drop, war stories like the hottest of hot bricks—and "story," of course, is used here purely in the fictional and not at all in the newspaper sense.

To some scribes who have done little else for four years than manœuvre khaki or blue or hospital uniform on paper, the sudden change may prove irksome. But it will have to be faced.

You can tell for yourself what men and women seeking leisure with their favourite periodicals will want to find in the stories put before them. They will want to be swung right back—not to sentimentality, let us hope, but certainly to sentiment. To gaiety without a background of dread; to care-free sport; to the rural delights which, in his heart of hearts, even the most hardened town dweller loves.

A country garden on a morning in spring with Phyllis among the apple trees; the country lane on a summer evening with honest John plodding home behind his horses; the village in the valley and the honeysuckle around the porch; the lovers at the stile when gloaming comes—these simple sorts of things are coming back to their own.

Plot, of course, must be there. "A real story to tell," as the editors say, but the atmosphere will be one of peace and of gladness.

A well-known writer said to me the other day, forgetting, it seems, his pre-war activities:

"What on earth am I going to write about now that the war is over?"

What is he going to write about? Why! now he is stepping merely from a world of romance soaked in agony into a world of romance which should bear upon its brow always the flush of joy.

Four years of war stories are more than enough. Let us look forward thankfully to a future of stories which even if they lose something of "tensity" are going to leave us with pleasantly entertained minds and unlacerated hearts.

Mr. Chin Lin-pak, compradore of the Shameen branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, has been elected president of the Canton Merchants' Protective Association.

The Asiatic Petroleum Company at Canton having had a threatening letter from a bandit called Ho Chung-foi, the British Consul has urged the Chinese authorities to get him.

The Vanity Fair Company opens its return season at the Theatre Royal to-night with an entirely new programme, comprising many new novelties. Owing to the short time available for advertising and Messrs. Moutrie closing early, the box plan will be transferred to the Hongkong Hotel from 5 to 8 p.m. to-day. The public will no doubt give the Company a hearty welcome back to the Colony, in view of the excellent impression it created on its last visit.

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

(Continued from Page 1.)

OBITUARY.

LONDON, Feb. 24.

Sir Guy Calthrop, the coal-controller, is dead.

New York reports the death of Doctor Mary Walker, the famous advocate of women's rights, who served in the Civil War as assistant surgeon.

BRITISH AND U. S. LABOUR DIFFERENCE.

LONDON, Feb. 24.

Paris reports a hitch in the proceedings of the International Labour Legislation Commission. The British draft of the labour charter advocates the freedom of workers to go from country to country as they please. Americans strongly oppose this being anxious to exclude foreign labour from America.

NO RATIONING AFTER MAY AT HOME.

Mr. J. B. Clynes, M.P., the Food Controller, stated recently that it had been decided not to issue any more ration books. "When the present books are finished there will be no more," said Mr. Clynes at a farewell dinner to which he was entertained by his colleagues at the Ministry of Food.

The current coupon books end on May 3, the date, therefore, on which the present rationing restrictions will cease. It is understood that a system of registration will be in force for a short period. The British public, however, will be able to purchase all commodities as in pre-war days, with the possible exceptions of milk, butter, and fresh meat, over which the Government may continue to exercise a slight control. Measures will be taken to prevent any attempts at profiteering, by tightening the supervision over traders.

The Yee Li Trust Company, which assisted the Bank of China to bring the value of its notes up to within 8 per cent. of par, winds up on Feb. 28.

Sixteen Chinese including a female, were brought before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning and fined $3 each for gambling. They were arrested in a Police raid on No. 32 Circular Pathway.

That he might extract a nail which, projecting uncomfortably from his bed-board, had given him many sleepless nights, a Chinese coolie stole a pair of pincers from a shop. He got three weeks' hard labour for it.

THE VICTORIA THEATRE.

Good pictures draw good houses. This was exemplified last night when it was extremely difficult to get a seat at this theatre. There was a fine 5-part picture "A Daughter of the West," Baby Marie Osborne being seen to advantage in this film. A Comic, "Jerry's Million" was very amusing and the audience were well satisfied with the programme.

Kinema goers should not miss this programme which is a really good one. The orchestra too is a distinct attraction.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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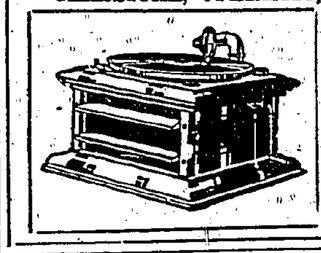
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SHANGHAI	WINGSANG	SUNDAY, Mar. 2, Daylight.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	YATSHING	TUESDAY, Mar. 4, at 3 p.m.
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Monteagle	10th June.	4th July.
Empress of Russia	19th June.	7th July.
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SHIPPING PROSPECTS.

As stated by Reuter recently the prospects in British shipyards are very bright, provided labour settles down, well over 100 vessels, representing a very large tonnage, having been booked. Many of the big lines, including the Cunard, Anchor, and B.I. are among those who are embarking upon extensive building plans. Of the lines mentioned the B.I. is the only one in which people in this part of the world are specially interested. Nothing is said as to P. & O., Bibby, Blue Funnel, Glen and other new vessels which will take the Far Eastern run, but all of these Companies will shortly have additions to their present seriously depleted fleets, and before another year has passed the tonnage problem and with it many minor troubles will have disappeared. In a memorandum on the world's merchant shipping, issued by Lloyd's Register and the Admiralty, Sir James Wilson argues that, within even a few months the supply of shipping for commerce will be greater than the demand, as compared with the war relationship, and that freights will fall to a level not much more than double the rates current before the war. The layman does not find it very easy to understand why, if the supply of ships outstrips the demand—and it will do so inevitably sooner or later—freight cannot be reduced to a much lower level than Sir James Wilson instances, for that of course is not low at all. Even when one considers the increased cost of ships, higher rates of pay and other additional expenses, it seems extortionate. Of course, as Sir James Wilson says, ships at present being built will have cost much more than similar ships cost before the war, and this is one of several reasons why shipowners will try and keep freights up to the highest point; on the other hand, the action taken in America with regard to Atlantic, Pacific and Eastern freights we are convinced gives promise of a further fall, which should have an excellent effect where it seems most needed. Sir James Wilson has pointed out that it appears to be practically certain that the world's total merchant steam tonnage (including that in enemy countries) though considerably less than it was in July, 1914, is at present larger than it was on the average of the five years before the war, that it will go on rapidly increasing, and that it will a year hence be much larger than it ever was in the world's history.

In connection with the shipbuilding enterprises of various Companies, it may be recalled that very nearly one-fifth of the total British Mercantile Marine is under the control of three managements. The 61 companies which figured in a list published a year ago by "Syren and Shipping" owned between them over two thousand vessels, representing a tonnage of 12,000,000 tons gross. One management alone controlled over one and a half million tons of British shipping, or, in other words, a twelfth of the British Mercantile Marine. Lord Inchcape brought about the fusion of interests of the P. & O., B.I., and the New Zealand-Federal Companies, whose fleets consist, or did consist of 240 vessels of a gross total of over a million and a half tons. The million ton mark at that time was passed by the Ellerman Lines, Ltd., whose total was 290 vessels; just under it was the Furness Line, with 220 vessels. The three amalgamations gave a total tonnage which equalled about 18 per cent. of the Mercantile Marine. The Cunard fleet of vessels shows vast diminution, but the eight vessels to be built will bring its tonnage up considerably, for they will be large ones. In spite of its heavy losses the Cunard, with its subsidiary companies, will make a bold bid to retain ocean supremacy in passenger traffic. While preeminently a passenger line the war has brought this and many other companies considerable experience in the operation of cargo vessels.

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DILWARA	17th March.	2nd April

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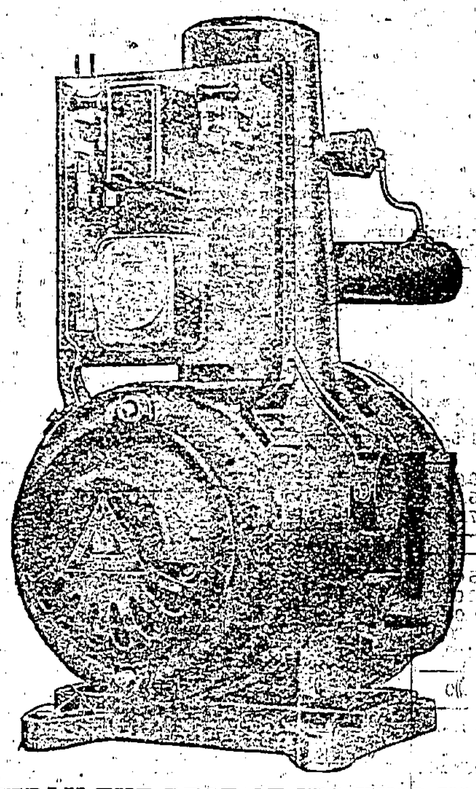
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Shanghai	Chenan	Butterfield & Swire	On 1st March, at 3 P.M.
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Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Shidzuoka Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 19th Mar., at 11 a.m.
Sandakan	Mausang	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 8th Mar. at Noon.
Takao via Swatow & Amoy	Sasha Maru	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 27th Feb., at 9 A.M.
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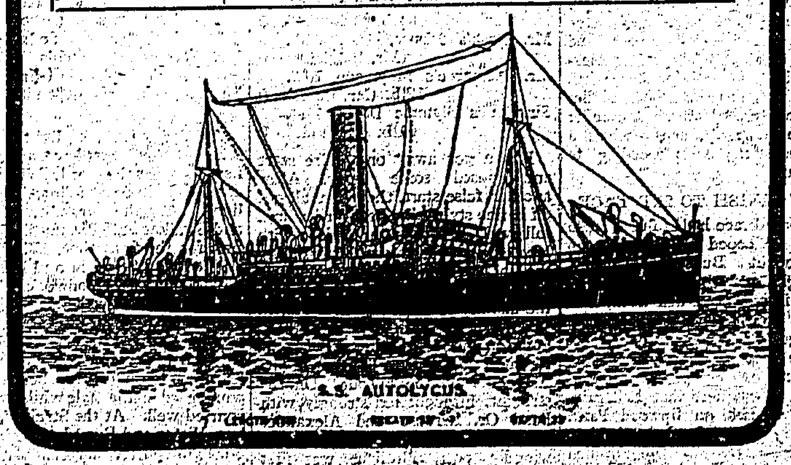
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THIRD DAY 1919 RACES

NIGHT HAWK WINS CHAMPIONS.

Yesterday the chief event was the Derby which Mr. G. H. Potts captured with his fine pony, Mountain King. It was a fine race, Mr. Hill who had the mount on the winner having the greatest difficulty in shaking off Mr. Burkill on Albion Dahlia. But for the fact that Mr. Burkill got an unfavourable position late in the race he would perhaps have won. He had to pull across to the inside 50 yards from the winning post. It was his only chance of getting in front of Mountain King but he failed and the race went to the winner by a head. Mr. Potts' pony Valley King also secured third place so the popular broker had quite a Derby success.

This is Mr. Potts' first Derby win, his nearest to securing the local blue riband being in 1905 when he was second with his pony Norman King, and in 1909 he was again second, this time with Emerald King. It will be seen that Mr. Potts has a system of tacking King on to his ponies' names.

Although yesterday's was Mr. Potts' first Hongkong win, it was not his initial Derby, he having once captured the Shanghai Derby.

Mr. Hill did not have such a successful day yesterday, securing only one first place but as that was the Derby he is no doubt satisfied. He was quite elated over his win, his first Derby, throwing up his hand in joy as he passed the winning post.

In all respects yesterday was an unqualified success. Everything was well arranged, the proceedings went along without a hitch, and everyone seemed on good terms with everybody else.

Money seemed very plentiful. Although less people were in the enclosure, receipts in the Cash Sweeps and Pari Mutuel were very little less than in previous years.

Favourites had a good day and most people seemed to have money to draw. Very poor returns were the order in the place betting. Seldom was there a good return to be had in that department. As the day proceeded the drawings for the Cash Sweeps increased. The first race is always small, yesterday the holder of No. 221 ticket had $935 to draw, the lucky holder of ticket No. 621 in the Derby had the nice little nest egg of $5,088 to come. He was very anxious that Mr. Lowe should keep it, but we suppose only temporarily. Excepting the Derby the first prize in the Cash Sweeps gradually rose from $935 in the first race to $2,178 in the last.

To-day the course filled much sooner than on previous days. By the first saddling bell, at 11.30, there was a large muster including a good number of the fair sex. The weather was again fine.

The ubiquitous photographer Mee Cheung was early about, combining business with pleasure. He took a photo of the Stewards during the tiffin interval.

The Band of the 18th Infantry had again a nice selection of music and added a good deal to the pleasure of those attending the meeting.

The following was the musical programme:—

MORNING.

1. Overture—Rosamunde....Schubert
2. One Step—(The Policeman's Holiday) Eving
3. Valse—Destiny Baynes
4. Song—The Magic of your Voice Hardy
5. Selection—Tipperary Douglas
6. March—Amour de Patice...Tuffile
7. One Step—All aboard for Dixie land George
8. March—Rule Britannia Arne

AFTERNOON.

1. Selection—Yes, Uncle Ayer
2. March—The Middy Alford
3. One Step—Hongkong Sanders
4. Valse—Charming Joyce
5. Song—I'm sorry I made you Cry Clessi
6. Selection—The Marriage Market Jacabi
7. One Step—Oh, You beautiful Doll Brown
8. March—Under the Stars ... Weisk

E. Vassallo, Bandmaster.

The Acting Governor was on the course before noon, as were all the principal residents supporting the meeting.

FIRELIGHT WINS FIRST RACE.

There was a good start to to-day's programme, eight ponies facing the starter. Of these Alexander and Firelight were popular ponies, Alexander being a favourite, no less than 300 backing him to win. Mr. Moller won by half a length from Alexander with Johnstone up, and received a good reception on proceeding to weigh out.

GREAT FINISH TO 2ND RACE.

The second race had as fine a finish as could be hoped for. Coming up the straight Burning Daylight, Daintylight and Upwood Park were fighting it out neck and neck, first one and then the other gaining an advantage. Near the winning post all three jockeys were busy asking their ponies for every ounce obtainable and it was here that Hill gained the verdict on Upwood Park. Lifting his pony ahead in the last few strides this forceful rider gained the verdict by a head, this narrow margin also separating second and third. Mr. MacGregor led his pony in all smiles, and received hearty congratulations all round.

For reference and to interest many of our readers we append the list of previous Derby winners:—

1900 Mr. J. H. Lewis's Bulbul, Johnstone. Time, 3.33.
1901 Sir Horace McMahon's Kismet, Johnstone. 2.35 3/5.
1902 Mjor-Gen. Sir W. Gascoigne's Ivy, Gressott. 2.33 1/5.
1903 Lt.-Col. Hughes's Brilliant, W. Cox. 2.58.
1904 Mr. Buxey's Coronet Rose, W. Cox. 3.16.
1905 Mr. John Peel's Cotswold, Gresson. 3.27 2/5.
1906 Mr. Buxey's Triumph Rose, Hayes. 3.23 2/5.
1907 Mr. Buxey's Spring Rose, Master. 3.15 4/5.
1908 Mr. John Peel's Kirkwood. Johnstone. 3.20.
1909 Mr. Buxey's Little Gem Rose, Burkill. 3.10 3/5.
1910 Mr. Buxey's Royal Rose, Burkill. 3.11 1/5.
1911 Mr. Buxey's Coronation Rose, Burkill. 3.00.
1912 Sir Paul's White Hawthorn, Burkill. 3.24 1/5.
1913 Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's Fijian Chief, Johnstone. 3.23 2/5.
1914 Sir Paul's Jewel Aster, Brand. 3.13 1/5.
1915 Sir Paul's Perfection Dahlia, Vida. 3.13 2/5.
1916 Sir Paul's Winsome Dahlia, Burkill. 3.10.
1917 Mr. John Peel's Silver Streak, Johnstone. 3.14 4/5.
1918 Sir Ellis Kadoorie's Tytam Chief, Knoll. 3.12 4/5.

JOCKEYS' SUCCESSES.

The summary of jockeys successes for the first two days of the meeting is as follows:—

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
Mr. Hill	5	1	3
Mr. Burkill	4	4	1
Mr. Johnstone	4	3	5
Mr. Moller	3	4	2
Mr. Vida	2	1	1
Mr. Knoll	1	2	1
Mr. Kremer	1	1	0
Mr. Dalgliesh	0	1	2
Mr. Sedgwick	0	1	2
Mr. Crokam	0	1	1
Mr. Doyle	0	1	0
Mr. Reid	0	0	1
Mr. Adams	0	0	1

OWNERS' SUCCESSES.

Sir Paul's and Mr. Cire's stables have had the most winners and places during the first two days, but the Ewo stable and Mr. G. H. Potts have had the same number of firsts. Mr. Potts having won the Derby can claim the most successful stable. A summary of owners' successes follows:—

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
Sir Paul Chater...	3	4	2
Mr. Cire	3	4	2
Mr. John Peel	3	2	4
Mr. G. H. Potts...	3	0	1
Mr. F. S. Gibbings	2	0	1
Mr. Fireworks	1	1	0
Mr. Medico	1	1	0
Mr. B. Basto	1	0	1
Mr. Goalhead	1	0	1
Mr. Horsford	1	0	0
Messrs. Gaybirds..	1	0	0
Mr. Fash	0	1	2
Sir Ellis Kadoorie	0	1	2
Mr. R. McGregor	0	1	1
Dr. Forsyth	0	1	1
Mr. H. Humphreys	0	1	0
Mr. T. F. Hough	0	1	0
Messrs. Murray & Leitch	0	1	0
Mr. Dryasdust	0	1	0
Mr. Dowbiggin	0	0	1
Mr. Adams	0	0	1

1.—THE GRAND STAND STAKES.—Winner $600; Second $200; Third $100. For China Ponies *bond fide* Griffins on date of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one Race 5 lb.; of two or more Races 10 lb. extra. Subscription Griffins allowed 5 lb. Entrance $10. Three quarters of a mile.

Mr. Cire's Firelight, 11st. 03lb. (Mr. Moller) 1
Mr. John Peel's Alexander, 11st. 01lb. (Mr. Johnstone) 2
Mr. T. F. Hough's Bend Or, 11st. 01lb. (Mr. Kremer) 3
Sir, Ellis's Congo Chief, 10st. 12lb. (Mr. Crokam) 0
Mr. D. M. Ross's Grouse, 11st. 01lb. (Sedgwick) 0
Mr. Fash's Dusky, 11st. 04lb. (Mr. Dalgleish) 0
Mr. Nemazee's Meymoon, 10st. 12lb. (Mr. Doyle) 0
Sir. Paul's Olympic Dahlia, 11st. 01lb. (Mr. Vida) 0

Dusky got away on a false start and caused some delay. After another false start, they were all got off in fine style with Bend Or leading, followed by Congo Chief with Meyhoon a good third. Approaching the incline, Bend Or was still first followed by Grouse and Dusky. Up the incline, they were all in a bunch. Down the incline Grouse was seen going in fine form. Round the bend, Firelight spurted well followed by Alexander on the outside. On the straight, Firelight led strongly with Bend Or, Grouse and Alexander challenging all the way. At the winning post, Firelight was first three lengths in front of Alexander. Bend Or was third half-a-length behind Alexander.

Time 1.34.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner:		$ 21.30
Places:—1st		$ 6.00
" 2nd		$ 5.40
" 3rd		$ 7.90

Cash Sweeps:—

Ticket No. 330	1st	$ 924.00
" " 315	2nd	$ 264.00
" " 281	3rd	$ 132.00
		$ 125.00
Unplaced ponies		$ 255.00
Commission		
Total		$1,700.00

Unplaced ponies, $25,00 each, ticket Nos. 108, 314, 8, 94, 67.

103 tickets were taken on Firelight for a win.

125 tickets were taken on Firellght for place.

263 tickets were taken on Alexander for place.

44 tickets were taken on Bend Or for place.

2.—THE GREAT SOUTHERN STAKES.—Winner $800; Second $200; Third $100. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners at this Meeting of one Race 5 lb.; of two or more Races 10 lb. extra. Griffins allowed 5 lb.; Subscription Griffins of any Season non-winners allowed 10 lb. Entrance $10. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. R. MacGregor's Upward Park, 11st. 07lb. (Mr. Hill) 1
Mr. Cire's Daintylight, 10st. 12lb. (Mr. Moller) 2
Mr. John Peel's Burning Daylight, 11st. 01lb. (Mr. Johnstone) 3
Sir Ellis's Tytam Chief, 11st. 01lb. (Mr. Knoll) 0
Mr. Fash's Black Jack, 11st. 01lb. (Mr. Dalgleish) 0

There were five starters in this race. All got a good start, well in line. Daintylight, followed by Black Jack and Upwood Park, first drew ahead. Down the straight, Black Jack took the lead with Upwood Park second and Daintylight third. Passing the winning post for the first time, Black Jack was well in front with Tytam Chief and Daintylight hot on his heels. At the bend they closed up for a while. Tytam Chief drew away from Daintylight at the stretch and took third place. Up the incline, Black Jack led well followed by Upwood Park. The order was unchanged at the bend, but coming into the straight, Daintylight made a good run and won ground. At the winning post, Upwood Park, Daintylight and Burning Daylight ran almost abreast. Upwood Park just managed to win a head in front of Daintylight who beat Burning Daylight by a head for second place. Time: 2min. 40 1/5-sec.

Pari-mutuel:

Winner,		$ 9.60
Places:—1st		$ 5.80
" 2nd		$ 7.10
" 3rd		$ ——

Cash Sweeps:—

Ticket No. 97	1st	$1,235.00
" " 229	2nd	$ 352.00
" " 98	3rd	$ 176.00
Unplaced ponies		$ 50.00
Commission		$ 322.00
Total		$2,135.00

Unplaced ponies, $25.00 each, ticket Nos. 350, 140.

374 tickets taken on Upwood Park, to win.

258 tickets taken on Upwood Park, for place.

106 tickets taken on Daintylight, for place.

3.—THE HONGKONG STAKES.—Winner $750; Second $250; Third $125. For China Ponies, Subscription Griffins of this Season 1918-1919. Weight for inches as per scale. Winner of the Subscription Griffins Challenge Cup 7 lb. extra, non-winners allowed 3 lb. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Entrance $10. One mile and a half.

Mr. Cire's Starlight, 10st 12lb (Mr. Moller) 1
Mr. G. & G.'s First Fiddle, 10st 12lb (Mr. Knoll) 2
Mr. Firework's Burst Length, 11st 5lb (Mr. Johnstone) 3
Mr. Adams' White Fang, 10st 7lb (Mr. Adams) 0
Mr. Dryasdust's Stiggins, 10st 9lb (Mr. Crokam) 0
Mr. Nemazee's Seyhoon, 10st 9lb (Mr. Doyle) 0
Sir Paul's Thames Dahlia, 11st 4lb (Mr. Burkill) 0
Mr. Gaybirds' Swallow, 11st 4lb (Mr, Kremer) 0
Mr. Dash's Gadfly, 10st 9lb (Mr. Sedgwick) 0
Mr. Murray & Leitch's Woodworker, 10st 9lb (Mr. Hill) 0
Mr. Buxey's Victor. 10st 9lb (Mr. Vida) 0

A good start. Starlight led well followed by Swallow and Burst Lengths. At the bend, White Fang came well in front followed by Starlight. At the straight, Starlight and Swallow led. Passing the Judge's box for the first time, White Fang still led with Starlight and First Fiddls following. Woodworker led at the bend with Swallow second and First Fiddle third. Going into the stretch Swallow dropped back and was soon considerably behind the leaders. Rounding the bend Woodworker led in fine style while Swallow spurted well. At the Straight, Swallow, Victor and Burst Length led, but Starlight spurted and came first past the winning post. First Fiddle was second and Burst Lengths third. Time: 3 min. 23 sec.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner,		$ 12.90
Places:—1st		$ 7.00
" 2nd		$ 32.20
" 3rd		$ 6.60

Cash Sweeps:—

Ticket No. 180,	1st	$1,288.00
" " 322,	2nd	$ 368.00
" " 399,	3rd	$ 184.00
Unplaced ponies		$ 200.00
Commission		$ 360.00
Total		$ 2400.00

Unplaced ponies, $25.00 each, ticket Nos. 152, 326, 375, 351, 395, 330, 249, 431.

310 tickets taken on Starlight to win.

252 tickets taken on Starlight for place.

19 tickets taken on First Fiddle for place.

320 tickets taken on Burst Length for place.

4.—THE LADIES' PURSE.—Presented. $330 added for Winner; Second to receive $200; Third $100. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners at this Meeting other than Subscription Griffins 5 lb. extra. Jockeys who have had 3 or more winning mounts in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin 3 lb. extra. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Snanghai or Tientsin allowed 4 lb. Entrance $10. Once round.

Mr. Fash's Grey Goose, 11st. 4lb. (Mr. Hill) 1
Mr. John Peel's Sandy, 10st 6lb (Mr. Johnstone) 2
Sir Paul's Spotted Sand, 11st 4lb (Mr. Vida) 3
Mr. Cire's Fairylight, 11st. 4lb. (Mr. Moller) 0
Mr. Dryasdust's Salamander. 11st. 4lb. (Mr. Crokam) 0
Mr. H. Hancock's Dun Duke, 11st. 4lb. (Mr. Reid) 0
Sir Ellis Kadoorie's Essex Chief, 11st 1lb (Mr. Knoll) 0
Mr. Nemazee's Seyhoon, (late Rochester,) 11st 4lb (Mr. Sedgwick) 0

A false start, Salamander was anxious to set off. At the fall of the flag Essex Chief got in front and the remainder were in a bunch. At the bend Spotted Sand was second, Sandy third, Dun Duke fourth, Seyhoon fifth and Grey Goose last. At the stretch Essex Chief, Salamander and Spotted Sand led the field and at the Black Rock Spotted Sand was third. At the bend Sandy led followed by Seyhoon and Grey Goose, and Dun Duke was last. At the straight Grey Goose led with Sandy second. Nearing the winning post Spotted Sand took second place and they passed the winning post in the following order: Grey Goose first one length in one of Sandy who was a length and a half in front of Spotted Sandy who was third.

Time 1 min. 55 2/5 sec.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner,		$ 30.50
Places:—1st		$ 6.00
" 2nd		$ 5.50
" 3rd		$ 5.80

Cash Sweeps:—

Ticket No. 240	1st	$1,459.00
" " 130	2nd	$ 417.00
" " 299	3rd	$ 208.00
Unplaced ponies		$ 125.00
Commission		$ 391.00
Total		$2,600.00

Unplaced ponies, $25,00 each, ticket Nos. 220, 491, 434, 450, 290.

120 Tickets were sold on Grey Goose, to win.

159 Tickets were sold on Grey Goose, for place.

325 Tickets were sold on Sandy, for place.

189 Tickets were sold on Spotted Sand, for place.

Miss Gurner the Commodore's daughter made the presentations to the successful Jockeys.

5.—THE AMERICAN CUP.—Presented by American Citizens resident in Hongkong. Second to receive $200; Third $100. For China Ponies *bond fide* Griffins on date of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one Race 5 lb.; of two Races 7 lb.; of three or more Races 10 lb. extra. Subscription Griffins of this Season 1918-1919 allowed 7 lb. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Entrance $10 to go to the Winner. Seven furlongs.

Sir. Paul's Purity Dahlia, 10st. 11lb. (Mr. Vida) 1
Mr. John Peel's Alexander, 11st 11b (Mr. Johnstone) 2
Sir. Ellis Kadoorie's American Chief, 10st. 9lb. (Mr. Knoll) 3
Mr. Cire's Firelight, 11st. 5lb. (Mr. Moller) 0
Mr. D. M. Ross's Grouse, 11st 11b Mr. Sedgwick) 0
Mr. D. M. Ross's Claret, 10st 10lb (Mr. Doyle) 0

Purity Dahlia with Mr. Vida up; threw its rider and ran round the course, causing much delay. He ran up a bank opposite the Black Rock and was caught by a groom who brought him back to the starting point. When they were off at last, Purity Dahlia got well in front, followed by Firelight and Alexander. Purity Dahlia was still leading at the bend, with Alexander gaining ground. Firelight was third at the stretch when Alexander got first. Getting into the straight Alexander was fourth, followed by Purity Dahlia and Firelight. At the Black Rock Firelight drew up to second place and was still gaining round. At the straight Firelight and Purity Dahlia led the field. Alexander was going strong in third place. Purity Dahlia romped in first, three lengths in front of Alexander, a remarkable performance on top of her extra exertions. Alexander finished half a length in front of American Chief who, although not very dangerous to the leaders from the start, made a good run. Time, 1min. 51 3/5sec.

ari-mutuel:—

Winner,		$ 15.20
Places:—1st		$ 6.90
" 2nd		$ 7.40
" 3rd		$ 9.50

Cash Sweeps:—

Ticket No. 410,	1st	$1,821.00
" " 595,	2nd	$ 520.00
" " 416,	3rd	$ 260.00
Unplaced ponies		$ 75.00
Commission		$ 474.00
Total		$3,150.00

Unplaced ponies, $25.00 each, ticket Nos 505, 326, 450.

245 tickets were sold on Purity Dahlia, to win.

219 tickets were sold on Purity Dahlia, for place.

180 tickets were sold on Alexander, for place.

95 tickets were sold on American Chief, for place.

6.—THE PHAETHON STAKES.—Handicap. Winner $600; Second $200; Third $100. For China Ponies that have run at any Gymkhana Meeting and Griffins on date of entry. Non-starters barred. Entrance $10. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Soares's Siamese Cat, 10st. 6lb. (Mr. Hill) 1
Mr. Fash's Pink Eye, 10st. 10lb. (Mr. Dalgleish) 2
Mr. Cire's Footlight, 10st. 10lb. (Mr. Moller) 3
Mr. Adams's Crest, 10st. 9lb. (Mr. Sedgwick) 0
Mr. Horsford's Malcolm, 11st. 7lb. (Mr. Crokam) 0
Mr. Henry Humphrey's Grey Mouse, 10st. 8lb. (Mr. Knoll) 0
Sir Paul's Vesuvius Dahlia, 10st. 11lb. (Mr. Burkill) 0
Mr. John Peel's Wisdom, 11st. 3lb. (Mr. Johnstone) 0
Mr. Soares's Black Cat, 10st..... (Mr. Soares) 0
Mr. Staves's Catford (late Gentle Cat), 10st. 4lb. (Mr. Vida) 0

A good start. Greymouse led well in front of the rest who were well bupched. Crest was third and Black Cat fourth. Coming down the bend all together, they kept together up to the stretch. Rounding the bend Greymouse crept up to second. Going down the straight and passing the winning post for the first time, Greymouse was first with Malcolm second. Rounding the bend Siamese Cat came up, and Greymouse and Malcolm changed their order. At the bend Malcolm was stealing on the leader. At the stretch Malcolm gained still more ground. The rest were in the same order. Greymouse was hanging on to Malcolm. At the winning post Siamese Cat, who had run a grand race, won by half a length. Pink Eye beat Footlight for second place, by three quarters of a length. Time, 2min. 42 1/5sec.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner,		$ 21.50
Places:—1st		$ 9.50
" 2nd		$ 10.40
" 3rd		$ 14.80

Cash Sweeps:—

Ticket No. 65	1st	$1,775.00
" " 568	3nd	$ 507.00
" " 557	3rd	$ 253.00
Unplaced ponies		$ 175.00
Commission		$ 480.00
Total		$3,190.00

Unplaced ponies, $25.00 each, ticket Nos. 55, 123, 221, 207, 577, 536, 535.

214 tickets were sold on Siamese Cat to win.

209 tickets were sold on Siamese Cat for place.

173 tickets were sold on Pink Eye for place.

96 tickets were sold on Footlight for place.

7.—THE "RIALTO" STAKES.—Presented by the Members of the Hongkong Stock Exchange. Value $750 to Winner; Second to receive $200; Third $100. For China Ponies, Subscription Griffins of this Season 1918-1919. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one Race 5 lb.; of two or more Races 10 lb. extra. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Entrance $10. One mile.

Mr. Dash's Firefly, 11st 4lb (Mr. Johnstone. 1
Mr. Cire's Moonlight, 11st 01b (Mr. Moller) 2
Mr. B. Basto's Victory Star, 11st. 3lb (Mr. Hill) 3
Mr. Adams's Cassius, 11st. 1lb.... (Mr. Knoll) 0
Mr. Buxey's Hector, 10st 9lb (Mr. Vida) 0
Mr. F. S. Gibbings's Torbay, 10st 12lb (Mr. Crokam) 0
Mr. Medico's Cornhill, 11st 6lb (Mr, Burkill) 0
Mr. Nemazee's Meyyoon, 10st 10lb (Mr. Doyle) 0

A good start. All were in a nice bunch, Victory Start leading by a nose in front of Cornhill. Maygoon and Cornhill were going strong. The remainder of the field were in a bunch. Victory Star going round the bend led by many lengths and was still leading by a great distance at the stretch. At the Black Rock the rest of the field were still all together, and rather gaining on Victory Star. Just after the Black Rock, Torbay gained ground followed by Cornhill who till now was sixth.

Hector was right behind the whole field. Cornhill ran well at the bend led by Moonlight running strongly. The same order was kept up the straight. At the winning post Firefly came first after a good run, one length and a half in front of Moonlight, who again was half a length in front of Victory Star. Time: 2min. 9 2/5-sec.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner,		$ 63.80
Places:—1st		$ 11.00
" 2nd		$ 8.00
" 3rd		$ 9.60

Cash Sweeps:—

Ticket No. 587	1st	$1,941.00
" " 361	2nd	$ 554.00
" " 142	3rd	$ 277.00
Unplaced ponies		$ 125.00
Commission		$ 513.00
Total		$ 3,410

Unplaced ponies, $25.00 each, ticket Nos. 313, 479, 679, 556, 125.

75 tickets were sold on Firefiy to win.

130 tickets were sold on Firefiy for place.

201 tickets were sold on Moonlight for place.

172 tickets were sold on Victory Star for place.

8.—THE CHAMPION STAKES.—Winner $2,000; Second $500; Third $300. For China Ponies. Winners at this Meeting only. Weight for inches as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. John Peel's Night Hawk, 10st 10lb (Mr. Johnstone) 1
Mr. Soares' Siamese Cat, 10st 12lb (Mr. Knoll) 2
Mr. G. H. Pott's Mountain King, 11st 1lb. (Mr. Hill) 3
Sir Paul's Triumph, 10st 10lb (Mr. Burkill) 0
Mr. Fash's Grey Goose, 11st 01lb (Mr. Dalgleish) 0
Robt. MacGregor's Upwood Park, 11st 07lb (Mr. Crokam) 0
Mr. F. S. Gibbings' Standard Dahlia, 11st 07lb (Mr. Moller) 0
Mr. Goahead's Smoke Box, 11st 01lb (Mr. Doyle) 0

A very good start. Siamese Cat led at the fall of the flag, followed by Triumph. At the bend Night Hawk had got in front. Passing the Stand, Night Hawk, Triumph, and Siamese Cat went together neck and neck, and so continued at the bend. Night Hawk led at the stretch, followed by Triumph, Standard Dahlia and Siamese Cat at a ding-dong gallop. Past the green gate Dahlia was second and gaining on Night Hawk. The same order at the Black Rock, where Night Hawk dropped back. Siamese Cat and Standard Dahlia were in the same position at the bend. Coming into the straight Standard Dahlia and Mountain King had a fine race together. Night Hawk was still leading. Near the winning post Mountain King took first place but was beaten by Night Hawk at the winning post. Siamese Cat ran well and challenging Mountain King, beat him by a short head. Night Hawk won by half a length. Time, 2min. 38 4/5sec.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner,		$ 20.60
Places:—1st		$ 9.80
" 2nd		$ 41.30
" 3rd		$ 9.00

Cash Sweeps:—

Ticket No. 1547	1st	$8,932.00
" " 723	2nd	$2,552.00
" " 998	3rd	$1,276.00
Unplaced ponies		$ 500.00
Commission		$2,340.00
Total		$ 15,600

Unplaced ponies, $100.00 each, ticket Nos, 1042, 689, 900, 320, 1242.

437 tickets were sold on Triumph to win.

368 tickets were sold on Triumph for place.

321 tickets were sold on Night Hawk to win.

224 tickets were sold on Night Hawk for place.

53 tickets were sold on Grey Goose to win.

55 tickets were sold on Grey Goose for place.

21 Tickets were sold on Upwood Park to win.

32 Tickets were sold on Upwood Park for place.

37 Tickets were sold on Siamese Cat to win.

30 Tickets were sold on Siamese Cat for place.

251 Tickets were sold on Mountain King to win.

272 Tickets were sold on Mountain King for place.

376 tickets were sold on Standard Dahlia to win.

334 tickets were sold on Standard Dahlia for place.

21 tickets were sold on Smokebox to win.

33 tickets were sold on Smokebox for place.

9.—THE CONSOLATION STAKES.—Winner $800; Second $200; Third $100. For China Ponies that have run and not won at this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Entrance $5. One mile.

Mr. Cire's Daintylight, 11st 1lb (Mr. Moller) 1
Mr. Fash's Pink Eye, 11st 4lb (Mr. Sedgwick) 2
Sir Paul's Spotted Sand, 11st 11b (Mr. Vida) 3
Mr. Dryasdust's Maybe, 10st 12lb (Mr. Crokam) 0
Mr. Dynasty's Vivat, 10st 12lb (Mr. Reid) 0
Mr. Fash's Black Jack, 11s 11b (Mr. Dalgleish) 0
Sir Ellis Kadoorie's Formosa Chief, 11st 1lb (Mr. Knoll) 0
Mr. John Peel's Burning Daylight, 11st 1lb (Mr. Johnstone) 0

A very good start. Pink Eye took the lead from the very start, followed by Vivat and Formosa Chief. At the gate the same order prevailed. Formosa Chief was going strong in second place and the same in the stretch. At the Black Rock Pink Eye was first, Formosa Chief second, Vivat third, and Black Jack last. The same order was kept up practically all round the course. Daintylight and Spotted Sand seemed to be running very well when passing the stands. At the winning post Daintylight was first in by a short head. Pink Eye was second, half a length in front of Spotted Sand. Time 2 min. 6 4/5 sec.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner:		$ 10.70
Places:—1st		$ 6.60
" 2nd		$ 10.40
" 3rd		$ 7.10

Cash Sweeps:—

Ticket No. 333	1st	$2,033.00
" " 284	2nd	$ 551.00
" " 597	3rd	$ 290.00
Unplaced ponies		$ 125.00
Commission		$ 536.00
Total		$3,535.00

Unplaced ponies, $25.00 each, ticket Nos. 416, 13, 235, 564, 542.

379 tickets were sold on Daintylight to win.

269 tickets were sold on Daintylight for place.

81 tickets were sold on Pink Eye for place.

209 tickets were sold on Spotted Sand for place.

10.—THE NIL DESPERANDUM STAKES.—Winner $500; Second $200; Third $100. For China Ponies, Subscription Griffins of this Season 1918-1919 that have run and not won at this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Entrance $5. Five furlongs.

Mr. Soares's Tambourine, 11st 1lb (Mr. Moller) 1
Messrs. G. & G.'s Second Fiddle, 10st 9lb (Mr. Knoll) 2
Sir. Paul's Avon Dahlia, 10st 2lb (Mr. Vida) 3
Mr. Dryasdust's Stiggins, 10st 12lb (Mr. Crokan) 0
Dr. Forsyth's Morning Star, 10st 12lb (Mr. Sedgwick) 0
Mr. Adam's White Fang, 10st 10lb (Mr. Adam) 0
Mr. Dash's Gadfiy, 10st 13lb (Mr. Sutton) 0
Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin's Daleman, 11st 1lb (Mr. Reid) 0
Mr. G. H. Potts's Turf King, 10st 9lb (Mr. Hill) 0
Mr. Wayfoong's Wedding Bell, 10st 10lb (Mr. Doyle) 0
Mr. Buxey's Excelsior 10st 7lb (Mr. Moller) 0

Two false starts. When they got off Second Fiddle and Tambourine led the field, followed by Morning Star in third place. Turning up the Black Rock, Second Fiddle still led with Stiggins catching up. At the straight Avon Dahlia was third. The remainder were strung out. Excelsior was four lengths behind the field. Second Fiddle and Avon Dahlia were in front. This was in the straight near the winning post. As they were passing the Judge's box Tambourine ran well and took first plce keeping it up to the winning post and winning from Second Fiddle by half a length. Avon Dahlia was third, three quarters of a length behind. Thus Mr. Soares won his first race in the last chance. Tambourine was unlucky in previous races. Time, 1min. 17 4/5sec.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner,		$ 58.10
Places:—1st		$ 15.70
" 2nd		$ 15.30
" 3rd		$ 14.80

Cash Sweeps:—

Ticket No. 325	1st	$2442.00
" " 700	2nd	$ 697.00
" " 286	3rd	$ 348.00
Unplaced ponies		$ 125.00
Commission		$ 536.00
Total		$4,340.00

Unplaced ponies, $25.00 each, ticket Nos. 866, 91, 137, 122, 315, 223, 814, 100.

76 tickets were sold on Tambourine to win.

116 tickets were sold on Tambourine for place.

120 tickets were sold on Second Fiddle for place.

126 tickets were sold on Avon Dahlia for place.

PASTORS IN PRISON.

An officer of the U.S. Army Intelligence Bureau testifying before the Senate Propaganda Investigating Committee said that German Lutheran pastors had been instructed to preach pro-German sermons before the United States entered the war, and some of the pastors who joined the army later and continued preaching favourably to Germany are now in the American penitentiary.

COMMERCIAL.

JAPAN BUSINESS INVESTMENTS DECREASED.

Investment of capital in business enterprises was at its height in September last, and since then has declined. According to an investigation made by the Mitsui Bank the amount of money invested in new business in Jan. 1919 was considerably less than that in the previous month. The full list is as follows:—

JANUARY INVESTMENTS.

Banking	Y32,550,000
Trust	2,900,000
Spinning	1,000,000
Electric	6,440,000
Gas	none
Mining	15,750,000
Aquatic	7,200,000
Railways	9,700,000
Shipping	21,500,000
Insurance	none.
Godown	1,100,000
Factory	64,360,000
Other commercial purposes	26,750,000
Total	Y189,250,000

In comparison with previous periods the decrease in the above mentioned period shows the following figures: Y38,255,000 less than the previous; month Y42,062,000 less than the same month in 1918. Y35,496.000 less than the same month in 1917.

BUKIT LINTANG RUBBER.

The annual meeting of Bukit Lintang Rubber Estates was held at Edinburgh on December 3, Mr. William Greenhill (chairman) presiding.

The Chairman said: The reason of the diminished profit for the past year was the low prices obtainable for rubber, the gross price being 1s. 7.50d, against 2s. 6.91d. Again, the output was short of the estimate by close on 20.000 lbs. The manager explains that the reason of this was continued heavy thinning out and an extremely severe and prolonged drought of practically four months. The directors are able to recommend a dividend at this time but in consequence of the low price still ruling for rubber, it is unlikely that an interim dividend will be paid next April. We have at the end of this year to meet in respect of income tax the largest payment the company has ever been required to make. Considerable expenditure has been incurred in thinning out the home division, and, as stated in the report, nearly 17,000 trees have been cut out. Considerable benefit is expected to accrue to the estates in consequence. The manager states that this work will be continued slowly, and at the present rate will take another two years to accomplish. The acreage under rubber now extends to 1,633.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S RAILWAYS.

At the end of his report on the South Australian railways, Mr. P. A. Anthony, of the F.M.S. railways, says: It is pointed out that the causes which are adversely affecting the net revenue of the railways are the increases in the cost of fuel, labour, and materials. The average annual earnings per employee exclusive of over time, have increased as follows:—In the traffic department, wages in 1907-8, £135; 1916-7, £154. Locomotive and carriage department, 1907-8 £130; 1916-17, £164. Engineering, 1907-8 £120; 1916-17, £159. Another very important factor is the large increase in railway mileage during the period 1909-1918 the total mileage completed by the State was 841. These new railways include the following:

Murray Lands, Eyre's Peninsula, Salisbury to Long Plains, Gawler to Angaston, Nuriootpa to Truro, Eudunda to Robertstown, Goodwood to Willunga, Laura to Wilmington, Pinnaroo to Victorian Border, Mount Gambier to Victorian Border. There is at the present time a loss on their working of not less than £130,000 per annum. This is exclusive of lines completed this year. During the same period of 10 years the capital expenditure on railways and equipment has increased from £11,591,000 to £18,854,000, or 58 per cent, and if the railways built by the Commonwealth in the State are included, the railway mileage has been increased by 77 per cent. Mr. Anthony says he has been given an opportunity of inspecting the whole of the railway system of the State. A most marked feature is the large area of undeveloped land and the absence of population, even in the vicinity of the railways. Those more recently constructed by the State are essentially for the purpose of development, and, given the necessary influx of population, will no doubt in time show a fair return. They are at present under a heavy financial burden, and the wise policy is undoubtedly to close down the construction of further lines of similar character, apart from any to which Government is committed, and devote attention during the next few years to the improvement of the present system and of through connections with the adjoining States. Briefly summarized the suggested improvements are:—

Improvement of railway facilities at Mile End and Port Adelaide.

Adequate protection of public road level crossings.

The completion of the relaying of the main lines and contingent works.

The introduction of more powerful locomotives, strengthening of drawgear of rolling stock, and application of superheating to existing locomotives.

The provision of a new railway bridge over the River Murray.

Extension of signalling and interlocking installations at stations.

Provision of through connections with adjoining States without break of gauge.

Improvement in the accommodation in Adelaide Stations, including new administrative offices.

Improvement of Murray lands railways.

Extension and new equipment at Islington workshops.

"It has been shown that many of these works" concludes the Commissioner, "will prove directly remunerative owing to the reduction in working expenses, which will result from their completion. All contribute towards the efficient, safe, and economical working of the railways, and are necessary to keep pace with the expansion of trade of the State." "In concluding this series of reports," says the Railways Expert (Mr. P. A. Anthony, C.M.G.), in his final report to the Government," "your Commissioner desires to record his appreciation of the ready assistance given by the Railways Commissioners and other officers in preparing the necessary data and arranging inspection tours. Mr. D. N. Macpherson has rendered valuable assistance in the preparation of plans and Mr. A. W. Dunstone has carried out the duties of secretary throughout the enquiry in a thoroughly satisfactory manner."

SINGAPORE RUBBER SHARE MARKET.

MESSRS. FRASER AND CO.'S QUOTATIONS.

	Singapore, Feb. 8.	
Alor Gajah ($1)	3.50	3.65
Amal. Malay fy. pd.	2.25	2.40
Ayer Hitam ($5)	13.00	14.00
Ayer Kuning ($1)	1.25	1.45
Ayer Molek ($1)	2.50	2.60
Ayer Panas ($5)	10.00	10.75
Balgownie ($1)	5.00	5.25
Bassett ($1)	.90	1.05
Batang Benar ($10)	14.00	15.00
Batu Lintang ($10)	1.10	1.25pm
Bukit Jelotong ($1)	0.65	0.75
Bukit Katil ($1)	1.00	1.10
Bukit Kepong ($3)	2.65	2.75
Bukit K. B. ($1)	0.65	0.75
Bukit Timah ($10)	...	11.00
Changkat S'dang ($5)	7.50	8.00
Glenealy Prns. ($1)	1.90	2.10
Haytor ($5)	7.00	8.00
Indragiri ($5)	7.00	7.30
Jeram ($1)	1.35	1.45
Jimah ($1)	1.70	1.85
Kamasan ($2)	4.25	4.50
Kedah ($1)	3.40	3.60
Kelemak R. ($5)	6.50	7.10
Kempas ($2)	7.75	8.15
Kluang ($5)	5.50	6.00
Lunas ($5)	8.00	8.50
Malaka Pinda	2.55	2.65
Malakoff ($2)	4.40	4.60
Mandai-Tekong ($1)	0.70	0.80
Mergui ($5)	5.90	6.25
New Serendah ($2)	4.00	4.25
Nyalas ($5)	7.50	8.00
Pajam ($5)	11.00	12.00
Pantai ($1)	1.50	1.60
Parit Perak ($1)	2.60	2.75
Perak River ($1)	2.60	2.75
Pulau Bulang ($10)	3.75	4.10
Punggor ($1)	0.70	0.80
Radella ($3)	10.00	10.75
Sandycroft ($2)	3.85	4.10
Scudai ($5)	7.50	8.00
Sembrong ($1)	0.25	0.35
Sungei Bagan ($1)	3.60	3.85
Sungei Patani ($1)	0.40	0.55pm
Tambalak ($1)	1.00	1.10
Tapah ($10)	17.00	18.00
Teluk Anson ($5)	11.25	12.00
Temerloh ($1)	1.10	1.30
Trafalgar ($2)	1.10	1.30
Ulu Pandan ($1)	0.80	0.90
United Malacca ($1)	1.25	1.35
Utan Simpan ($1)	3.05	3.30

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

HONGKONG, 26th FEBRUARY, 1919.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

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Banks.
Hongkong Banks $782½ b.

Marine Insurances.
Canton Ins. $410 n.
North China Ins. T. 124 b.
Union Ins. $1040 sa.
Yangtsze Ins. $310 b.
Far Easterns T. 26 n.

Fire Insurances.
China Fire Ins. $175 b.
Hongkong Fire Ins. $355 n.

Shipping.
Douglases $93½ n.
H.K. Steamboats $20½ b.
Indo Chinas (Pref.) $31½ b.
Do. (Def.) $158 sa.
Shell Transports 16s/6 sa.
Star Ferries $37 b.

Refineries.
China Sugars $116 b.
Malabon Sugars $40 b.

Mining.
Kailan Mining Adm. 47/- b.
Langkats T. 23½ b.
Raubs $3 b.
Tronoh Mines 40/- n.
Ural Caspians 40/- n.

Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.
H. & K. Wharfs $115 n.
H. & W. Docks $158 b.
Shai Docks T 133 b.
New Engineerings T. 25 b.

Lands, Hotels & Buildings.
Central Estates $101 b.
Hongkong Hotels $90 n.
Hongkong Lands $100 b.
Humphreys $7 b.
Kowloon Lands $33 b.
Land Reclamations ... T. 175 n.
West Points $68 n.

Cotton Mills.
Ewo Cottons ... T. 190 b., 190 sa.
Kung Yiks T 14½ b.
Laou Kung Mows ... T 130 b.
Orientals T59 b.
Shanghai Cottons T167½ b.
Yangtsepoos ... T. 8.60 b., 8.60 sa.

Miscellaneous.
Cements $8.90 b.
China-Borneos $11 b.
China Lights $5 b.
China Providents $8½ b., 8½ sa.
Dairy Farms, ... $27 b., 28 s.
H.K. Electrics $77½ s.
Macau Ito. $33½ n.
Hongkong Ropes ... $41 s., 40 ss.
H.K. Tramways $ 8 b.
Peak Tramways (Old) ... $7.15 b.
do. (New) ... $.70 b.
Steam Laundries $3.60 b.
H.K. Steel Foundries $12 n.
Water-boats ... — ... $12½ b.
Watsons $6.10 b.
Powells $9½ b.
Wiemans $27 b.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in reservoirs on the 1st February, 1919:—

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

1918.	1919.
Tytam 29 ft. 9 in. below overflow	22 ft. 9 in. below overflow.
Tytam Byewash 94 ft. 10 in. below overflow	16 ft. 3 in. below overflow.
Tytam Intermediate 61 ft. 4 in. below overflow	0 ft. 2 in. below overflow.
Tytam Tuk 26 ft. 9 in. below overflow	10 ft. 4 in. below overflow.
Wong Nei Chung, 26 ft. 4 in. below overflow	41 ft. 1 in. below overflow.
Pokfulam, 22 ft. 2 in. below overflow	17 ft. 5 in. below overflow.

STORAGE IN MILLION AND DECIMALS OF GALLONS.

	1918.	1919.
Tytam	189.55	219.42
Tytam Byewash	73	20
Tytam Intermediate	8.42	191.96
Tytam Tuk	812.50	1,176.63
Wong Nei Chung	1.12	.54
Pokfulam	9.30	29.80
Total	1,012.20	1,631.19

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of January.

	1918.	1919.	
Consumption	171.55	181.10	m. g.
Estimated population	270,600	274,200	
Consumption per head per day	20.2	21.5	gallons

Constant supply in all districts during January of both 1918 & 1919.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

1918.	1919.	
Kowloon Gravitation Reservoir	12ft. 2in. below overflow.	4 ft. 9 in. below overflow.

STORAGE IN MILLION AND DECIMALS OF GALLONS.

	1918.	1919.
Kowloon Gravitation Reservoir	197.64	204.83

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of January.

	1918.	1919.	
Consumption	39.63	39.63	m. g.
Estimated population	101,150	102,967	
Consumption per head per day	12.7	12.4	gallons

The Government Analyst's reports shew that the water is of excellent quality.

Public Works Department.
W. CHATHAM,
Water Authority.

A CLEAR AND ROSY SKIN

is the result largely of daily regularity, to ensure which many women find the occasional use of Pinkettes all that is necessary.

PINKETTES

are laxative perfection, curing sick headaches, bilious attacks, unpleasant breath, spots and blemishes. Tiny but thorough, as gentle as nature. Of chemists, or post free for 60 cents the vial from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 96 Szechuen Road, Shanghai.

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CIGARETTES.

The particular man demands a particular cigarette.
State Express are made for just such men—men of discrimination who require the best.

VIRGINIA.
No. 555 - - - - 85 cents. PER TIN OF 50.
PACKED IN PATENT VACUUM TINS.

Sole Manufacturers:
ARDATH TOBACCO CO., LTD.,
LONDON, ENGLAND.

INTIMATIONS

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m....Every 15 minutes.
8.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m....Every 10 minutes.
9.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m....Every 15 minutes.
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m....Every 15 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m....Every 30 minutes.
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m....Every 10 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m....Every 10 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.
Saturdays only...Every 15 minutes.
2.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m....Every 30 minutes.
2.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
Saturdays only...Every 15 minutes.
4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m....Every 10 minutes.

NIGHT CARS.

8.30 p.m., 8.30 p.m., 10 p.m., 10.30 p.m., 11 p.m., 11.30 p.m. and 11.45 p.m.

SUNDAYS.

7.30 a.m.
8.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m....Every 15 minutes
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m....Every 10 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12 noon Every 15 minutes.
12.00 noon to 12.30 p.m....Every 10 minutes.
12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
2.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
5.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m....Every 10 minutes.
7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
8.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m....Every 10 minutes.

NIGHT CARS as on Week Days.

SATURDAYS EXTRA CARS.

1.30 p.m. and 12 midnight.

SPECIAL CARS by arrangement at the Company's Office, Alexandra Buildings, Des Vœux Road Central.

Season and punch tickets available for all cars not already full running at the time stated in the Company's time tables, but not for special cars, can be obtained on application at the Company's Office. No Season ticket will be issued until payment therefor has been made in Bank Notes or by Cheque or Compradore order representing Bank Note.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

ASAHI BEER



Sole Agents—
MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, February 26, 1919.

On London—	
Bank, Wire	3/1
,, On demand	3/1⅛
,, 30 days' sight	3/1⅛
,, 4 months' sight	3/1⅞
Credits, 4 months' sight	2/2⅝
Documentary, 4 months' sight	2/2⅝
On Paris—	
On demand	401
Credits, 4 months' sight	418
On New York—	
On demand	73½
Credits, 60 days' sight	—
On Bombay—	
Wire	nom.
On demand	—
On Calcutta—	
Wire	nom.
On demand	—
On Singapore—	
On demand	121
On Manila—	
On demand	149
On Shanghai—	
On demand	nom.
30 days' sight (private paper)	—
On Yokohama—	
On demand	142
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	45.
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	$ 6.35 n.
Silver (per oz.)	47⅞ d
Bar Silver in Hongkong	25 % pm. n.
Chinese Copper Cash	25% pm.
Chinese Copper Cents	0 % pm.
Rate of Native Interest	7 % p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	4 % dis.
Hongkong Sub. Coin	par.

BANKS.

THE BANK OF CHINA.

GOVERNMENT BANK.
中國銀行
(Specially authorised by Presidential Mandate of 22nd November, 1917).

Authorised Capital ... 360,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital ... 12,279,800.00
Reserve Funds ... 3,197,400.00

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING.

BRANCHES AND SUB-BRANCHES:
PEKING: Baiting, Tungchow. NORTH: Miyun, Chohsien, Pahsien, Niuhsnsan, Hsuanhua. CHIHLI: Tientsin, Paotingfu, Lutai, Tsinhaisien, Sangtang, Shuntehfu, Tangshan, Taming, Cholushien, Weinsien. MANCHURIA: Changchun, Moukden, Kirin, Tsitsihar, Newchang, Liaoyuanchow, Kaiyuan, Hsinmingfu, Taonanfu, Harbin, Dalny, Antung, Tiehling, Chinghsien, Fakumen, Hailar, Suiwafu, Haimafu, Ninguta, Kungchuling, Linchow, Yenchi, Kaipingsien. HUPEH: Hankow, Shasi, Ichang. HUNAN: Changsha. KIANGSU: Shanghai, Nanking, Soochow, Yangchow, Chinkiang, Wusih, Hsuchowfu, Tungchow. SOUTH: Tsinkiangpo. SHANTUNG: Tsinan, Tsingtao, Chefoo, Tenghsien, Lintsinhsien. SHANSI: Taiyuanfu, Yunsheng, Sinkianhsien, Tatungfu. HONAN: Kaifeng, Chowkiakow, Hsuhsien. KWANGTUNG: Honukong, Canton, Swatow, Kiungchow. FUKIEN: Foochow, Amoy, Bankong, Chuanchowfu, Changchowfu, Santuao. CHEKIANG: Hanchow, Shaohsing, Huchowfu, Kashing, Wenchow, Ningpo, Lanchi, Yuyan, Haimen. KIANGSI: Nanchang, Kiukiang, Kanchowfu, Chintehchen, Chisn. ANWHEI: Wuhu, Anking, Pangfow, Luchowfu, Tatung, Tungki, Luan. SZECHUEN: KUEICHOW: Wweiwngfu, SHANSI Sianfu, Hangchunfu, SUIYUAN: Kweihwating, Paotowchen. TSAHAR: Kalgan Fengchen, URGA: Urga, Hakiatao.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

Interest allowed on current accounts and fixed Deposits. Terms on application. Every description of Banking Business transacted. Loans granted on approved securities. Special facilities for home exchange.

TSUYEE PEI,
Manager.

Hongkong, Feb. 25, 1919.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

HEAD OFFICE:
No. 2 Queen's Road Central.

PAID-UP CAPITAL $2,000,000.

DIRECTORS:
Mr. Pong Wai Ting.—Chairman.
Mr. Chow Shou Son, Mr. Li Koon Chuen,
Mr. Kan Ying Po, Mr. Mok Ching Kong,
Mr. Chan Ching Shek, Mr. Wong Yuen Tong.
CHIEF MANAGER:
Mr. Kan Tong Po.
ASST. MANAGER:
Mr. Li Tse Fong.

All Banking and Exchange business transacted. Loans granted on approved securities. Terms moderate.

Interest allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum, and on Fixed Deposits at the following rates,
For 3 months at the rate of 3½ per annum.
For 6 months at the rate of 4½ per annum.
For 12 months at the rate of 5½ per annum.

KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LTD.

(TAIWANGINKO).

INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL CHARTER, 1899.

Capital Subscribed ... Yen 30,000,000.
Capital (Paid-up) ... ,, 25,000,000.
Reserve Funds ... ,, 5,680,000.

HEAD OFFICE:
TAIPEH, FORMOSA.

BRANCHES:
JAPAN—Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, Moji.
FORMOSA—Giran, Kagi, Karenko, Kelung, Makung, Pinan, Shinchiku, Taichu, Tainan, Takow, Tamsui, Toyen, Ako.
CHINA—Shanghai, Hankow, Kiukiang, Amoy, Foochow, Swatow, Canton.
OTHERS—Hongkong, Singapore, Soerabaja, Semarang, Batavia, Bombay, London, New York.

LONDON BANKERS:
Capital and Counties Bank, London, and South-Western Bank, Parr's Bank.

The Bank has Correspondents in the Commercial Centres in European Continent, Russia, Manchuria, Tsingtao, Chosen, Japan, Indo-China, Siam, India, Philippine Islands, Java, and other Dutch Indies, Australia, America, Africa, &c.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits at rates which will be quoted on application.

NAOKICHI YANAGITA,
Manager.

HONGKONG BRANCH:
3, Des Vœux Road.
Hongkong, May 1, 1918.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

(Capital Paid up ... $1,25 000.)

Loans on Mortgage of House Property, &c.
Goods received on Storage.
Advances made on Merchandise.
Loans made on the Provident System.
TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR OF WILLS, ATTORNEY, &c. Undertaken and Executed.
(Rate and Particulars on application)
To the Office of
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.



BANKS

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital	$15,000,000
Reserve Funds—	
Sterling £1,500,000@2/-	$15,000,000
Silver	21,000,000
	$36,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors	$15,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
J. A. Plummer, Esq.,—Chairman.
E. V. D. Parr, Esq.,—Deputy Chairman.
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Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, | Hon. Mr. D. Landale,
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C. S. Gubbay, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:
Hongkong—N. J. STABB, Esq.

MANAGER:
Shanghai—A. G. STEPHEN, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS.—LONDON COUNTY & WESTMINSTER & PARR'S BANK, LTD.

HONGKONG.—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of Two per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months 2½ per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 3 " " "
" 12 " 4 " " "

N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, Feb. 22, 1919.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the minimum monthly balances at 3½ PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of $100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.
N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong May 14, 1918. 817

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ... Francs 40,000,000
PAID UP CAPITAL Francs 20,000,000
(1/3 of the Capital, i.e., Francs 15,000,000 subscribed by the Government of the Chinese Republic).

Chairman of the Board of Directors ... ANDRE BERTHELOT
General Manager ... A. J. PEYROUX.

HEAD OFFICE:
74, Rue Saint-Lazare, PARIS.
BRANCHES:
PEKING, SHANGHAI, SAIGON, TIENTSIN, HAIPHONG, HONGKONG, YUNNANFOU.

BANKERS:
In FRANCE: Société Générale pour favoriser le Développement du Commerce et de l'Industrie en France.
In LONDON: London County Westminster & Parr's Bank, Ltd. London Joint City & Midland Bank Ltd.
In NEW YORK: Redmond & Co. Correspondents in the chief commercial centres of the world.

Telegraphic Address: CHIBANKIND.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits in Local Currency and in Gold. Terms on application. Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Special facilities for French exchange.

M. ROUET DE JOURNEL,
Manager.

HONGKONG BRANCH:
Queen's Buildings,
5, Chater Road. Tel. 2440
Hongkong, Sept. 25 1918. 13

NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL-MAATSCHAPPIJ.

(NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY)

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Authorised Capital	f. 100,000,000.— (£8,333,333)
Paid-up Capital	f. 70,000,000.— (£5,833,333)
Reserve Fund	f. 19,760,236.— (£1,063,276)

HEAD OFFICE—AMSTERDAM.
Branches at
The Hague, Rotterdam
HEAD AGENCY—BATAVIA.
Branches at

Bandjermasin,	Rangoon.
Bandoeng,	Samarang,
Cheribon,	Shanghai,
Djember,	Singapore,
Djokjakarta,	Soerabaja,
Kota Radja,	Soerakarta (Solo)
Makassar,	Langsa,
Medan,	Tanjong Pinang (Dell)
Padang,	Tegal,
Palembang,	Telok Betung,
Pekalongan,	Tjilatjap,
Penang,	Weltevreden,
Poelianak,	

Correspondents at Bombay, Colombo, Madras, Pondicherry, Calcutta, Bangkok, Saigon, Haiphong, Hanoi, Amoy, Yokohama, Kobe, Melbourne, Sydney, New York, San Francisco, &c., &c.

LONDON BANKERS:—The Union of London and Smiths Bank, Limited.

The Bank buys and sells and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, issues letters of credit on its Branches and Correspondents in the East, on the Continent, in Great Britain, America and Australia, and transacts banking business of every description.

J. F. VAN EWYK,
Manager.

Hongkong, Oct. 30, 1918.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853.

HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.

Paid-up Capital	£1,200,000
Reserve Fund	£1,200,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors	£1,200,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

T. C. POWNING,
Manager.

Hongkong, May 7, 1917.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital	£1,000,000
Subscribed	£333,333
Paid-up	£166,666
Reserve Fund	£83,333

BANKERS.
BANK OF ENGLAND.
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

Every description of Exchange business transacted.

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE

(FRENCH BANK).

HEAD OFFICE:
15bis Rue Laffitte, Paris.

Capital	Frs. 45,000,000
Reserves	,, 50,000,000

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:

Bangkok	Hongkong	Saigon
Battambang	Mongtze	Shanghai
Canton	Nouméa	Singapore
Djibouti	Papeete	Tientsin
Haiphong	Peking	Touraine
Hankow	Pnom-Penh	Vladivostock
Hanoi	Pondichery	

BANKERS:
IN FRANCE: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit Lyonnais; Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas; Crédit Industriel et Commercial; Société Generale.
IN LONDON: The National Provincial & Union Bank of England, Ltd.; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit Lyonnais.
IN NEW YORK: J. P. Morgan & Co.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangements.

Every description of Banking & Exchange Business transacted.

A. SIRE
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, Oct. 19, 1918.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LTD.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

Authorised Capital	Yen 48,000,000.00
Paid up Capital	,, 40,000,000.00
Reserve Fund	,, 24,800,000.00

HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES AT:

Batavia	Nagasaki
Bombay	Newchwang
Buenos Ayres	New York
Calcutta	Osaka
Changchun	Peking
Dairen (Dalny)	Rangoon
Fengtien (Mukden)	San Francisco
Hankow	Seattle
Honolulu	Shanghai
Harbin	Singapore
Kai Yuen	Soerabaya
Kobe	Sourabaya
London	Sydney
Los Angeles	Tientsin
Lyons	Tokyo
Manila	Tsitsihar
	Vancouver

Interest allowed on Current Accounts. Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.

KISHI ONO,
Manager.

Hongkong, 12th Feb 1919.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE CO.

WHICH ARE VESTED THE SHARES OF

THE OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, Ltd.,
and
THE RAILWAY PASSENGERS ASSURANCE CO

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1918, £23,970,367

—Authorised Capital £6,000,000
Subscribed Capital £4,500,000
Paid-up Capital ... £2,437,500
II—Fire Funds ... 3,837,047
III—Life & Annuity Funds ... 17,567,593
Sinking Fund Account ... 128,226
£23,970,367

Revenue Fire Branch ... £3,331,458
Life and Annuity Branches ... £1,141,585
Revenue Marine Department ... 337,234
Other Receipts ... 478,945
£5,539,222

The Accumulative Funds of the various Branches are separately invested, and, by Act of Parliament, are set aside to meet the claims under the respective Departments of the Company's Business.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PARIS CONFERENCE.

PARIS, February 23rd.

A Havas message states:—

The next two weeks, beginning from to-morrow, will be the most fruitful fortnight of the Peace Conference. At their expiration, the world will know on what basis the Allies will make peace with Germany. The question of the western frontiers of Germany will, undoubtedly, be reached by the middle of the coming week.

PARIS, February 23rd.

A Havas message states:—

The Greek claims have practically been settled. The Dodecanese Islands and the Island of Rhodes probably will be allotted to Greece, but there is no disposition to give her Smyrna.

PARIS, February 23rd.

A Havas message states:—

The general opinion in Conference circles is that peace will be signed by June 1st, possibly earlier.

The military, naval and aerial terms will be ready for approval when Mr. Lloyd George returns on February 28th.

The political and economic terms will be fixed by Commissions before the return of President Wilson, which is provisionally arranged for March 17th.

PARIS, February 23rd.

A Havas message states:—

The Reparation Commission of the Peace Conference has decided that reparation includes indemnity. Mr. Lloyd George and M. Clemenceau are pledged to demand from Germany the full cost of the war. No evasion of that pledge will be tolerated by France or England.

KING AND DOMINIONS.

LONDON, February 23rd.

The Press Bureau states:—

H.M. the King expressed a wish personally to decorate the Dominions and Overseas officers who have been awarded honours, before they return to their homes.

LABOUR.

LONDON, February 24th.

Mr. Hodges, Secretary of the Miners' Federation, stated in Mansfield, that, in order to avert a national disaster, the Government must secure the wages and hours report before March 4th.

He declared that the railwaymen and transport workers supported the miners.

He urged that the municipalities should buy and distribute coal, with a view to saving middlemen's profits.

DOCTORS AS TRADE UNIONISTS.

LONDON, February 24th.

At a meeting of the Medical Profession in London a resolution was carried by 257 to 30, in favour of organising the profession on the Trade Union basis, with a view to far-reaching changes, consequent on the coming Ministry for Health.

FORD COMPANY'S 40-HOUR WEEK

Acknowledging the presentation of an address congratulating him upon his knighthood, Sir Percival Perry announced that the hours of work of the employees of the Ford Motor Company (England) (Limited), hitherto 48 per week, would be reduced to 40, and the minimum rate of pay altered accordingly, ensuring not only no loss to the workpeople, but in effect raising wages as from January 1, 1919. The minimum, or £3 per week, with an addition for profit-sharers of 3d. per hour (12s.), a weekly total of £3 12s. The new scale for 40 hours would be a minimum of 1s. 10d. per hour, or £3 13s. 4d. per week, with an addition of 3d. per hour for profit-sharers (10s.), a weekly total of £4 3s. 4d. This was the minimum rate for men. Meritorious work would be remunerated at higher rates up to a maximum of 2s. 8d. per hour, with 3d. added for profit-sharers.

The wage rates for women were not quite so high, but in future women might qualify as profit-sharers on the same basis as men. The minimum rate would be 1s. per hour, rising to 2s. per hour, with 3d. added for those who qualify for the profit-sharing rate. Thus, women over 18 years of age would get a minimum of 40s. per week, with an addition of 10s. (3d. per hour). share of profits, if they qualify for profit-sharing, a total of 50s. per week as a minimum. Meritorious work would entitle them to higher rates up to 2s. per hour, with 3d. per hour added as share of profits.

The qualifications for profit-sharing remained unaltered, with one exception. Hitherto the qualifying age had been 21; this was was now reduced to 18. In exceptional cases young persons under 18 might participate. Such exceptional cases would only warrant profits being granted in special circumstances, such as when they were the sole support of home and dependents.

BEWARE OF COLDS.

CHILDREN are much more likely to contract the contagious diseases when they have colds. Whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever and consumption are diseases that are often contracted when the child has a cold. That is why all medical authorities say beware of colds. For the quick cure of colds you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by All Chemists and Storekeepers.

LEAD RISES £11 PER TON.

Astonishment was expressed in Melbourne Stock Exchange circles at the end of November when it was reported by the Australian Metal Exchange that the London quotation for "spot" lead had risen no less than £11 per ton, to £40 10 - per ton, while the "forward" rate had advanced £11, to £39 1/- per ton. Official inquiries confirmed the accuracy of the quotations. Operators immediately "marked up" prices for Barrier stock.

No definite information had been received in Melbourne on November 26 to account for this sensational movement. Various theories were advanced, one of the assumptions being that with the cessation of hostilities lead is no longer required in large quantities for munition purposes, and restrictions upon trading in the metal had been removed in London—the net result being that speculative factors had come into play once more. The rates for lead have been practically unaltered at £29 10/- for "spot" and £28 10/- per ton, net, for "forward" metal since September, 1916. Prior to the declaration of war by the British Empire lead was quoted in London at £18 15/- per ton.

BOATS DUE TO ARRIVE AND DEPART.

VESSELS DUE TO ARRIVE.

FEBRUARY 26.

SHINYO MARU, T.K.K., from San Francisco, with mail.

FEBRUARY 27.

AGAPENOR, B. and S., from Liverpool.

MARCH 3.

RIOJUN MARU, D. & Co., from Japan, with mail.

MARCH 5.

FUSHIMI MARU, N.Y.K., from Seattle, with mail.

MARCH 8.

ANYO MARU, T.K.K., from Valparaiso.

MARCH 10.

BORNEO MARU, D. & Co., from Java, with mail.

LAOMEDON, B. and S., from Liverpool.

EURYLOCHUS, B. & S., from Liverpool.

MARCH 15.

PROTESILAUS, B. and S., from Singapore.

NANKING, China Mail, from San Francisco, with mail.

MARCH 19.

TELEMACHUS, B. & S., from Liverpool.

MARCH 23.

PERSIA MARU, T.K.K., from San Francisco, with mail.

PELEUS, B. & S., from Liverpool.

MARCH 26.

HOKUTO MARU, D. & Co., from Java.

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Swatow and Straits—Per TAMING, 9 a.m.

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Shanghai and North China—Per SUIYANG, 11 a.m.

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Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAITAN, 1 p.m.

Philippine Islands—Per YUENSANG, 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, March 1.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—Per AFRICA MARU, Registration 9.45 a.m., Letters 10.30 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per CHENAN, 2 p.m.

Amoy, Shanghai and North China—Per TJIMANOEK, 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, March 2.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Keelung—Per AMAKUSA MARU, 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, March 4.

Shanghai and North China—Per TEAN, 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, March 6.

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